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Princeton Is Awarded State Grant to Start Preschool Program

As the new school year approaches, Princeton Regional School District will be moving forward with its goal to close the minority achievement gap. Thanks to a \$108,000 grant from the state, Princeton will have a pre-kindergarten program this fall.

The district received this grant after submitting a five-page written proposal to the state seeking Early Launch to Learning Initiative (ELLI) grant funds for the 2004-05 school year. The state granted a combined \$1.9 million to New Jersey schools, awarding ELLI grants to 24 different districts. Princeton was the only district in Mercer County to receive a grant.

"We're very delighted that we're one of the districts selected for this initiative," said Assistant Superintendent Jeffrey Graber, who has been working toward an integrated preschool program such as this for quite awhile. "We really believe that this is critically important to the academic success of our students."

Due to start the third week in September, the program will be available to all four-year-olds living within the Princeton School District. Thirty children will be selected by a

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Marasco Is Preparing for Worst, Hoping for Best With Construction

With a recent change in leadership and \$81.2 million in construction projects underway at all six schools in the Princeton Regional School District, Interim Superintendent Richard Marasco has a tough job ahead of him as he enters the 2004-05 school year.

Interviewed after replacing former Superintendent Claire Sheff Kohn on August 2, Dr. Marasco said: "There's a lot of mess we need to clean up between now and September. Clearly the buildings are not prepared at this point in time."

Last year the district was scheduled to open on September 3, almost a week earlier than the scheduled first day of school for this year. With students scheduled to enter the buildings on September 9,

Clinton Stumps for Holt on Book Tour

Name recognition for a political fundraiser is a surefire way to spark interest in a cause and attract a crowd, but when the marquee name is a former President with a new book out, celebrity status doesn't just speak volumes, it sells volumes as well.

On a promotion tour for his new biography, *My Life*, former president Bill Clinton helped stump for Rep. Rush Holt (D-12th District), addressing about 430 people and helping raise over \$300,000 for Mr. Holt's re-election campaign. Tickets for the event, which was catered by Main Street, ranged from a lofty \$500 for a book signing to an even loftier \$1,000 for a photograph with Mr. Clinton.

Preaching to the political choir, Mr. Clinton appeared relaxed throughout his unscripted 30-minute speech, keeping one hand in his pocket while using the other to emphasize some of the same points he made during his Democratic Convention address. The audience had already heard introductory remarks from hosts Bob and Lisa Stockman, and presentations by Gov. James McGreevey, Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-15th District), and Rep. Holt himself.

"I have finished signing all of your

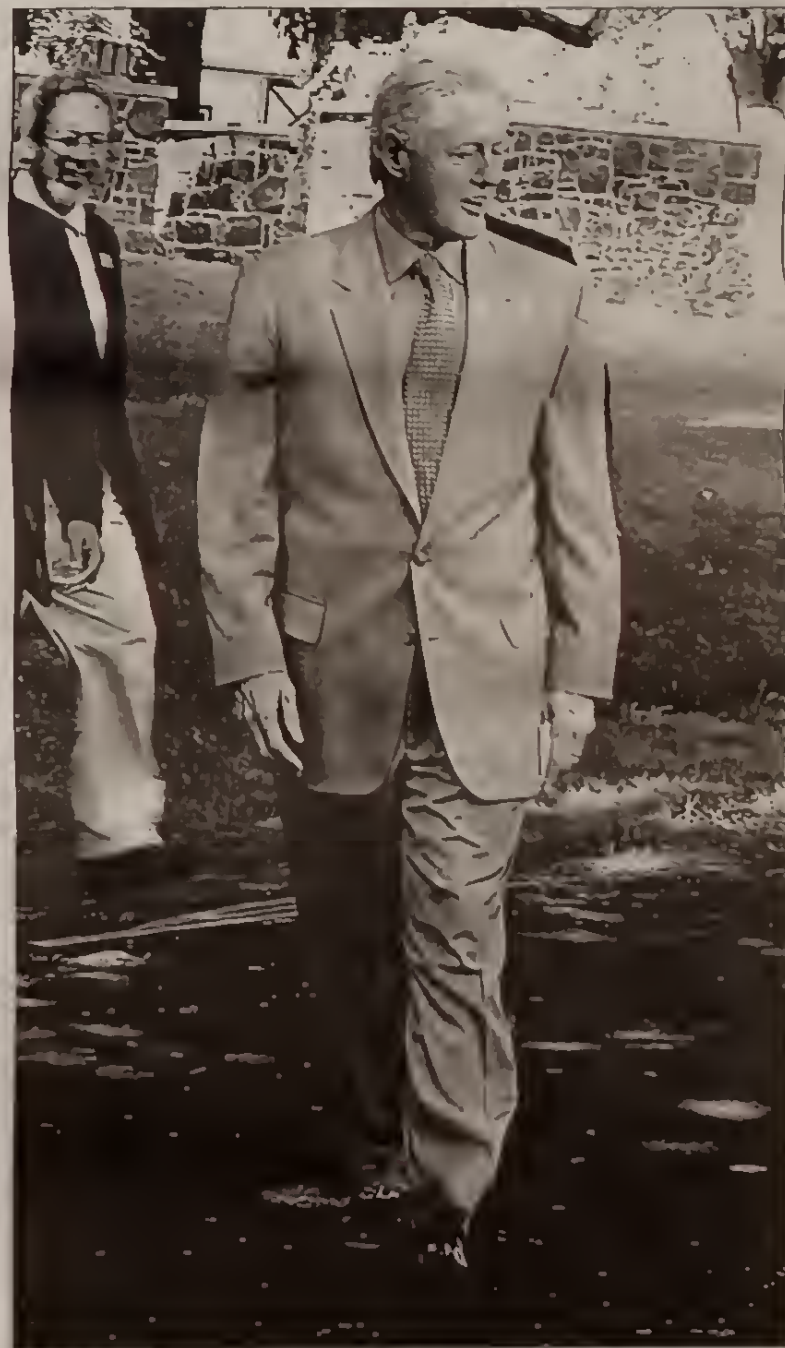
books, so I'm guaranteed a partial standing ovation," Mr. Clinton quipped as he addressed the crowd in the big tent on the Stockman estate. Mr. Clinton last appeared at the Stockman's Hopewell residence in 2000 while campaigning for Rep. Holt during the congressman's bid for a second term.

The former President lauded Rush Holt as a member of Congress who had spoken out against the Clinton impeachment

proceedings in 1998. "He stuck it to the people trying to stick it to me, so I liked him," Mr. Clinton said. The President took a more serious tone when he turned to some of the issues that have defined the current presidential race.

In a nod to the recently published report issued by the 9/11 Commission, Mr. Clinton said that "In my lifetime, no President has neglected

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL: Former President Bill Clinton was in the area last week to promote his new autobiography. After leaving the event in Hopewell, Mr. Clinton appeared at Sam's Club in West Windsor for a book signing. (Photo by M.B. Hersh)

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County Organizations Fight For Open Space for Wildlife

Borough Mayor Joseph O'Neill and Assemblyman Reed Gusciora have joined student activists from New Jersey Public Interest Research Group (NJPIRG) and New Jersey Audubon to call on Gov. James McGreevey to propose strong new DEP-drafted critical habitat rules to protect open space and rare species in Mercer County and across the state.

The regulatory proposal would protect a significant portion of New Jersey's most valuable forestlands, grasslands, and wetlands from destructive development. Last week community groups fighting for the cause met together at the Township building to discuss their concerns.

"We are losing our most important open space, like wetlands and forests, at an alarming rate," said Suzanne Leta, NJPIRG's campaign director, adding that over the last five years New Jersey has lost over 50,000 acres of forest.

Federal law allows states to adopt rules that keep habitat areas for threatened and endangered species intact and protected from development. Currently, the state protects threatened or endangered

wildlife species, but not the habitats they rely on for survival. The McGreevey administration has been considering a proposal for critical habitat protection, but has yet to officially advance it.

"Wetlands are essential to preventing flooding, and forests and watersheds provide important recreational and health benefits to everyone," said Ted Korth, director of policy for the NJ Audubon Society. "This land is important to wildlife and to us."

This summer, students from NJPIRG's Princeton and New Brunswick offices have been going door-to-door throughout central New Jersey, educating residents about the issue and collecting postcards to Gov. McGreevey that announce their support for increased open space preservation. Students hope to have collected more than 20,000 postcards by the end of the summer.

Mercer County is currently on track to be fully developed within the next 25 years, said a recent study conducted by the Regional Planning Partnership. In 1995, 38 percent of Mercer County was considered to be open space, and over 9,000 acres of forest had been lost over a 10-year period, according to a Rutgers land use study.

New Jersey is home to over 70 threatened or endangered species. In the last 30 years, the state has lost over 50 percent of its bog turtle habitat.

"Everywhere we go, citizens tell us they want more protection for open spaces, especially areas of high environmental value like wetlands and

forests," said Ms. Leta. "The Governor should propose these new protections and stand up to developers in Mercer County and all over the state."

For more information, visit www.njpirg.org.

—Candace Braun

HealthCare System Offers Hospice Volunteer Training

Princeton HealthCare System Hospice Program is offering an eight week volunteer training course for people interested in visiting patients who have chosen to die at home with peace and dignity and are being cared for by their families and the Hospice program team.

The training sessions will be held in Monroe Township but the program serves Hospice patients in Mercer and parts of Middlesex, Somerset and Hunterdon counties. Volunteers can choose the geographic areas where they prefer to visit patients.

The course is scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 30, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the University Medical Center at Princeton Monroe Unit, Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program, 11 Centre Drive, Suite C conference room. Subsequent training sessions will be held October 7, 14, 21, November 4, 11, 18, and December 2.

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME: Borough resident Nancy Russell is the new Princeton Public Library's Board of Trustees president. After taking her children to the library many evenings to enjoy the atmosphere when they were young, Ms. Russell now wants to provide that same at-home ambiance for other Princeton families.

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New Library Trustee President Wants To Make Facility 'Heart of Community'

After making the Princeton Public Library her own living room when she and her family lived in an apartment on Hulfish Street 11 years ago, Nancy Ukai Russell wants the rest of the community to call

the library their home now, too.

"Every night we would come

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to the library after we finished dinner... We just lived there," said Ms. Russell.

The new president of the library's Board of Trustees, Ms. Russell said she hopes that during the next year she and the Board will be able to bring together the community's ideas to find the best uses for the library's new facility on Witherspoon Street.

A member of the Board for the past six years, Ms. Russell moved from vice president to president this summer after Harry Levine stepped down from his nine-year position.

A native of Berkeley, Calif., Ms. Russell graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz, with degrees in anthropology and East Asian Studies. She then lived in Japan for 14 years, where she was a journalist for Newsweek in Tokyo.

After returning to the United States and having a son, who now attends Bates College, and a daughter, who attends Princeton Day School, Ms. Russell earned a master's degree at Rutgers University in the sociological and philosophical foundations of education. She is now a freelance writer and researcher on Japanese education.


In the last five years she has published chapters in three books on public education policy and methods of teaching and learning in Japan and East Asia. Last year she presented her research at a National Academy of Sciences conference in Washington, D.C.

However, if you ask Ms. Russell what her main priority is today, she'll tell you it's the library.

"Libraries are not just boxes for books anymore," she said. "I think that we are now a true community center, and our job is to talk about how we can fulfill the potential of this building."

The new president said that coming up with a strategic plan for the library is at the top of the Board's agenda for this year. But creating the plan won't preclude using any suggestions that come to the library staff, she said: "We want new ideas, and we want people to feel that they can [contribute], and are welcome to do so."

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BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN: Dr. Richard Marasco is serving as interim superintendent for a second time in the Princeton Regional School District after Dr. Claire Sheff Kohn left her position here on July 31. At the top of his list of priorities is getting the schools ready for the first day of school on September 9.

(Photo by Candace Braun)

Marasco's Hopes

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won't be working right up until the last minute, as was the case last year.

Falling Behind

While work at all four elementary schools was due to be complete this summer, Dr. Marasco said he's not positive any of them will be finished by the first day of school. "There will be some ongoing work that contractors will still be doing in each one of the elementary schools.... There's always that punch list of items that aren't quite right or aren't quite finished."

The school board will take a tour of the district's six facilities on August 24, at which point decisions will be made

concerning maintenance and cleaning of the schools.

That same day, the Board will vote on an ordinance that will create permit parking for students and residents around Princeton High School, a plan that has been in the works over the past two years.

However, while appreciative of the community's efforts, Dr. Marasco said he doesn't feel this will ultimately solve the parking issues at the school. "Parking is still going to be a problem; I'm convinced of that."

Back In The Game

Retired since 1994, Dr. Marasco previously served as interim superintendent for Princeton from April 1999 to January 2000. A superintendent for the Monroe Township

School District for 19 years, he said he has seen the face of construction before, and his interim position is much what he had expected: "Princeton has always been a very 'active' school district, and still is. And certainly with the construction going on it heightens the anxiety about the opening of school and puts an exclamation point on what we need to do to get schools ready and open for September."

Keeping informed on all the projects and making sure the contractors know their deadlines is the best way to handle the situation right now, he said: "Everybody knows our concerns. We keep talking and pushing, and keeping our fingers crossed."

Screenings for a permanent

superintendent are scheduled to start this week, the intention being to hire someone by mid-October who will take on the position in January, said School Board President Anne Burns last month. The district recently posted a notice for a new superintendent on its website, at www2.prs.k12.nj.us.

—Candace Braun

New Library President

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With a new community room that Library Director Leslie Burger has referred to as a "community living room," and the anticipation of a new plaza scheduled to open in late October, both the library staff and community have suggested ideas that Ms. Russell intends to make use of, she said. Lectures, panel discussions, and performances are all ideas the library hopes to make happen in the near future.

A Community Role

Ms. Russell took on her first leadership role with the Board soon after becoming a member, when Mr. Levine asked her to serve on a search committee for a library director to replace Jacqueline Thresher.

"As a new trustee it was a good experience," she said, adding that she was surprised at how many people nationally were familiar with Princeton's library. "That taught me how admired the Princeton Public Library is across the country."

Most recently, Ms. Russell headed the art committee which was given the task of "enhancing the atmosphere of the library," she said: "We started with a blank slate, but through the community and generosity of donors we came up with this really great project which people are really enthusiastic about."

The committee commissioned nine artists, two of whom were local, to contribute some kind of artwork to the new library. Many people in the community also stepped forward to donate funds to make the artwork possible, she said: "There are so many

people who support the library and are very generous with their ideas, their time, and their money; that's a really important thing for the community to see."

Now Ms. Russell wants to find a way to make the library appealing to all parts of the community, including seniors, toddlers, and teens.

"We have a physical space to accommodate lots of different groups. We're going to figure out how to best use this space so that everyone feels like this is their home," she said.

Ms. Russell said her main mission as president will be to make the library "the heart of community."

"I think we're waiting for things to be born. It's a very exciting period, and I'm thrilled to be part of that," she said.

—Candace Braun

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Borough Council unanimously passed an ordinance intended to ameliorate the student parking problem that has plagued the Princeton High School neighborhood for years.

Students and residents alike appeared at Council's meeting last week to voice their opinions about the law that, according to Mayor Joe O'Neill, should "equitably distribute access to parking."

Spearheaded by an ad hoc committee on student parking, the ordinance should at least temporarily improve parking conditions around the high school while lessening what has been described as "rampant" issuing of tickets for prolonged parking and helping protect resident lawns from littering.

Princeton Township Committee is scheduled to hold a public hearing next Monday on its version of the parking ordinance, which will impose mandates over areas in the

Township where students are known to park. The Princeton Regional School Board will hold a final vote on the ordinance at its August 24 meeting.

The Borough ordinance will implement a student and resident permit parking system that allows parking access on surrounding roads during specific times. Under the new law, from September 1 through June 30, except for Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, residents parking on all or parts of Moore Street, Jefferson Road, and Franklin and Hawthorne Avenue will be prohibited, unless parking decals are in place. Residents will receive free parking decals and guest placards. Permanent parking decals will be placed on the lower left corner of the inside of the vehicle's rear windshield.

Two guest placards will be issued for every permanent resident decal.

Students will be permitted to park on the east side of Walnut Lane between Houghton Road and the Township boundary and on the South side of Guyot Avenue between Moore Street and Walnut Lane. Both roads will allow permit parking between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Students will be able purchase permits for an as-yet-determined fee; however, the Board of Education must pay \$10 per permit to whichever municipality governs the respective parking areas. The \$10 fee covers the printing and administrative costs involved in implementing the program.

The permit system, as it now stands, waives the former two-hour street-parking limit that forced students to move their cars or else risk getting ticketed.

Unlike the Township ordinance, which is expected to be

permanent, the Borough measure will expire July 1 of next year, so that it can be reviewed before being renewed.

The ad hoc committee for high school parking, along with the Borough and the Township, have also consulted with Rider University about increasing the capacity of a gravel lot on the Westminster Choir College campus.

"If a high school student has a permit, he or she is worry free for the rest of the year," Mayor O'Neill said.

The handful of students in attendance, however, expressed concern about carrying heavy loads, such as sporting equipment and musical instruments, several blocks from their cars to the school. One solution offered was that students could unload their cars in front of the building first, and subsequently find parking.

Council members conceded that the ordinance was "not perfect." "We know this (measure) is not the answer to all your problems," said Council President Mildred Trotman.

Councilwoman Peggy Karcher suggested that the school board should also do more to address the efficacy of the busing system. Student complaints regarding that system ranged from the pick-up time, which can be as early as 6:15 a.m., to a lack of effective "late bus" service for students who participate in after-school activities.

Councilwoman Wendy Benchley said that despite inconveniences caused by the new mandates, school-area residents should have "the right to the quiet enjoyment of their residences," a right that "has slipped away" without being effectively addressed by the school board, the PTO, the student council, the students themselves, or the parents. She added that "it falls on us to address it."

Ms. Benchley urged Council

to approve the ordinance and begin working out various problems as they arise once the school year begins. While the new laws will be enforced starting September 1, there

will be a two-week grace period during which police will issue warnings rather than monetary fines.

—Matthew Hersh

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lottery for the program, which will be divided between a morning and afternoon session. The pre-kindergarten will be offered to special needs and economically disadvantaged children at little or no cost, as well as to other interested community families at a tuition cost that has not yet been determined, said Mr. Graber.

The goal is to make sure all students have an opportunity to receive a pre-kindergarten education. Princeton's diverse community and its desire to close the minority achievement gap made it a likely candidate for the grant, he said.

In 2003-04, Princeton Schools had an enrollment of 72 percent Caucasian, 11 percent Asian, nine percent African-American, and eight percent Hispanic students, with Spanish being the second most widely spoken language in the community, according to the district's proposal to the state, which pointed out that "one of the most important strategies for closing this

achievement gap would be providing students a high quality preschool experience that will prepare them socially, emotionally, and developmentally for school."

The children will be taught under "High Scope," a Department of Education-approved curriculum for preschool students that focuses on early learning in literacy and mathematics and enhanced social interaction between students and their parents and teachers.

"We see this as a way to develop a real love of school and a real love of learning," said the assistant superintendent.

Mr. Graber added that the district will be under the gun to get things rolling within the next few weeks, since it wasn't notified until Thursday that it would be receiving the grant for this school year. The next step will be hiring an early childhood education teacher and teacher's aid, and selecting the 30 children who will take part in the program, he said.

The classes will be run at

one of Princeton's four elementary schools, said Mr. Graber. The district will be looking beyond its own facilities to area non-profits to provide child care for these children outside of class time.

He said that the district also intends to look to similar programs in the community for partners in preschool education, with the hope that establishing a relationship could open up more opportunities for Princeton children: "This [grant] money will be very well spent."

Princeton High School also recently received a \$300,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Smaller Learning Communities grant program. The money will be used for the professional development of the school's faculty, said Principal Gary Snyder.

—Candace Braun

Master Gardeners to Host Fall Lawn Care Program

The Master Gardeners of Mercer County will host a pro-



THE CHAMP: Three-time champion Brian Norcross did it again last Wednesday at the 6th Annual Cardboard Canoe Race at Community Park Pool. His lifeguard challengers went down with their ships.

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gram titled "Fall Home Lawn Maintenance and Renovation" next Tuesday, August 17, at 7 p.m. at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County in Trenton.

Mercer County horticulturist and turf grass expert Barbara J. Bromley will explain techniques to maintain, renovate and seed a home lawn. She will discuss preparation, grass selection, fertilization, and effective mowing and maintenance practices.

Since renovating lawns is best done in late summer, the Master Gardeners program can improve the health and appearance of lawns next year. The presentation is designed to be useful for those who maintain their own lawns as well as those who employ a lawn service.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

A donation of \$3 is suggested to benefit Master Gardeners of Mercer County educational programs. To register for the program, or to request a copy of the 2004 Schedule of Events, call (609) 989-6830.

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FIRE WIRE

Fire Wire

Note to Town Topics readers:

Beginning this week, Town Topics will carry information regarding calls received each week by the area fire departments. The information will be submitted to the newspaper by the Princeton Fire Department.

Over the past 200 years the Princeton Fire Department has gone through a multitude of changes. What began in 1788 as a single fire company responding to the need to provide fire protection at the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), has since evolved into a three-company department.

The first fire department was Princeton Engine Co. No. 1, now located on Chestnut Street. When the company was reorganized in 1865, Princeton Hook & Ladder, located on Harrison Street, came into existence. Mercer Engine Co. No. 3 was the third company to be established, now located on Witherspoon Street.

The Princeton Fire Department is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the country. The mission of the fire department is to protect life and property for the citizens of Princeton Borough and Township, and Princeton University from the threat of fire or emergency disaster. All three fire companies are dispatched when an emergency call is made to the department. Last year the fire

department responded to 1,200 fire emergency calls within the community. While the department's calls are mostly based in the Princeton community, it has also responded to calls in West Windsor, Rocky Hill, Lawrenceville, Montgomery, South Brunswick, and other towns adjacent to Princeton.

The department currently has 50 active volunteer members who respond to emergency calls. However the department needs 100 members to be full-staffed. Staffing first became an issue after the Civil War, when volunteers returned and found that many things had changed after the war. Since then the department has had problems finding volunteers, and is in need of many today. Those interested in volunteering should call (609) 497-7645, or (609) 731-1314.

PFD Activity This Week

The Princeton Fire Department has reported the following activity for the week ending on August 6.

In a relatively slow week, the PFD responded to 16 calls in the Borough, Township and neighboring towns. Aside from nine false or malfunctioning fire alarms, the department answered a call for a car fire on Maple Street at 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 31. All three companies responded to a report of a fully involved vehicle fire. First arriving fire truck found a vehicle with flames showing from the windows and the

engine compartment. Also of concern were two adjacent vehicles and a nearby residence. The fire was brought under control quickly with limited damage to the adjacent vehicles and home.

Later that morning, station 62 and 63 were called to a structure fire on Hereford Drive in West Windsor. Upon arrival, Princeton companies found heavy fire showing through the rear of the roof of the residence. Station 62's ladder truck was employed to direct a master stream of water to the roof area. Personnel also assisted in overhaul of the scene, performing a general clean up to ensure all fire has been extinguished over a time period of approximately six hours.

On Monday, August 2, Station 62's ladder truck was again called to West Windsor for a reported structure fire. Smoke had been reported in the Carnegie Center office building. Investigating crews determined the source of the smoke to be a malfunctioning machine.

On Tuesday, August 3, Stations 61 and 63 reported to Faculty Road at Broadmead for a natural gas leak. Companies stood by until PSE&G could stop the leak. Princeton University Public Safety officers closed the University-owned Faculty Road during the event.

The same stations also responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident later that day on State Road. The accident closed State Road north of Ewing Street. Companies provided fire suppression, traffic control, and assistance to the Princeton First Aid and Res-

cue Squad for 2 1/2 hours.

On Thursday, August 5, Stations 62 and 63 were once again called to West Windsor, this time to cover the office for the department while volunteers were out on a call. A working structure fire on Clarksville Road had called both West Windsor companies as well as department from neighboring towns to the scene. Princeton companies were asked to stand by at Station 44 (Princeton Junction) to answer calls in West Windsor while their companies were tied up at the structure fire.

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The Public Education Committee of the Mercer County Bar Association will be offering the public free 15 minute legal consultations. Lawyers will be available on Wednesday, August 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Quakerbridge Mall, on the second floor by Sears, on Wednesday, August 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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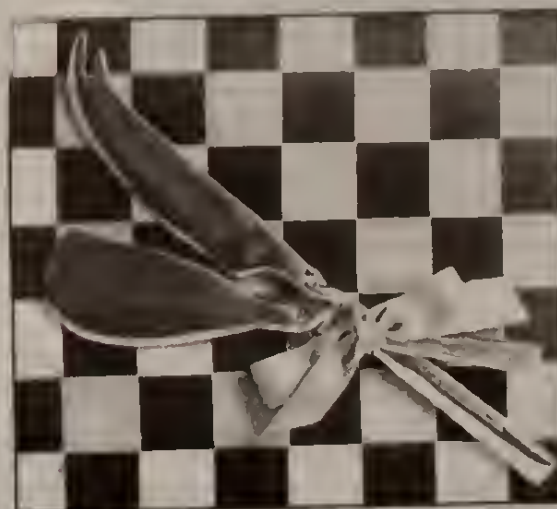
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GOV. JAMES MCGREEVEY: Gov. McGreevey delivered the introductory address for President Bill Clinton. "My Congressman is actually a rocket scientist," he said of Rep. Rush Holt.

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Clinton Book Tour

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national security as he saw it," adding that "no American President and no American Congress would ever knowingly compromise the security of the country." But he openly questioned President George W. Bush's motives and reasoning for going to war, citing the recent endorsement of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry by several high-ranking former Bush officials, including onetime special envoy to Iraq, General Anthony Zinni. "If John Kerry cannot be trusted with your national security, have all these people suddenly flipped their lids? Why are they doing this? Not because Bush doesn't love his country and wants to defend America, but because his decisions are wrong."

Mr. Clinton suggested that the administration should have applied more energy to targeting Osama Bin Laden and al Qaeda instead of going after Saddam Hussein, citing conclusions reached in the 9/11 Commission's report and indicating a lack of evidence linking al Qaeda and the Iraqi dictator: "Look at this last terror alert. Did it come out of Iraq? Have we ever had a domestic terror alert out of Iraq? Where did it come from? It came from the arrest of somebody involved in the Africa embassy bombings, and the arrest of a Pakistani computer whiz who was up to his eyeballs in al Qaeda

planning against financial targets in America."

Mr. Clinton also said he was tired of Republican attack ads accusing John Kerry of flip-flopping about his stance on the war. His passionate summation of the true details of the two votes (that Kerry voted for the \$67 billion in the bill for the troops but not for the \$20 billion slush fund the President "could do whatever he wanted with") had the crowd cheering and gave the event a rousing conclusion. Interviewed after the President's remarks, Rep. Holt said that he had tried to put an amendment into the original \$87 billion bill that would preclude uncompleted contracts for the so-called slush fund. "It might be thought of as the Halliburton amendment," he said. The amendment was subsequently defeated.

"Those who are protecting the special interests said 'We have to protect the uncompleted grants so that we can have complete discretion of how we give this [money] up,' but it wasn't about vests for the troops. It was not about armoring the Humvees, it was about contracts for special interests."

Running for his fourth Congressional term, Mr. Holt has sustained approval in the district since defeating former Republican incumbent Mike Pappas in 1998; the 12th district still has a substantial Republican demographic, however, and this year's Republican candidate is Bill Spadea, a former U.S. Marine who is running for public office for the first time.

Rep. Holt sees the Clinton record as a positive factor in what he predicted could be a potentially close race in November because "it reminds us that with the right type of leadership, we can have a healthy economy with good-paying jobs, a balanced budget, and a safe America that is both strong at home and respected in the world."

—Matthew Hersh



RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN: Rep. Rush Holt, Democrat of the 12th Congressional District, fielded questions from reporters after former President Bill Clinton and Gov. James McGreevey addressed the audience at the Congressman's fundraiser for re-election. The event raised over \$300,000. (Photo by M.B. Hersh)

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PRINCETON REPRESENTATION: Township Committeeman Bill Hearon holds a signed copy of Bill Clinton's recently-published autobiography, *My Life*. Mr. Hearon was one of several local officials on hand for the Rush Holt fundraiser, including former Committeeman Steve Frakt, Arts Council Executive Director Anne Reeves, and West Windsor Mayor Shing Fu Hsueh. (Photo by M.B. Hersh)

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You Are There

Here's how it was.

The author in question is Bill Clinton, of course, and how does he look after almost four years out of office? As one observer at last week's Hopewell fund-raiser, I can tell you he looks great. Even his enemies might bite the bullet and admit as much. The man is swimming in charisma. It's his element. Some of the glow is simply reflecting the love coming to him from the partisan crowd. It's a rush. This is the champ, the smiling warrior. He's been through the valley of the shadow, suffered the slings and arrows and emerged with his head and his ratings high.

Clearly, he knows how sweet this is, to have come through it all, to have a book out, and still be in his prime. He looks better than he did in 1994 or 1998. His delivery is pure political genius, the same folksy, easygoing, but ever-on-target style he used at the Democratic Convention. If anything, he seems more fulfilled, more truly triumphant than he did after winning two elections. He's an author now, after all, and people everywhere are reading the story of his life.

What would really rile his enemies is that he's obviously happy, even cocky. He's smooth and down to earth at the same time. The Bill-haters would say "slick." He makes his points as if he were talking to a bunch of bikers in a bar a.m. Rush Holt's extremely but without in the least forcing it or speaking under the heads of his well-heeled audience. He uses until after the President

Before you can attend the event, you have to be cleared by the Secret Service. That done, you head for Carter Road. The directions provided by Rush Holt's people said it would be impossible to turn right into the Stockman estate. So it is. Traffic headed south is backed up as far as you can see but after a hasty U-turn, you sneak in up front, and when they find your name on the list, the voice of authority shouts, "This one's okay!" and you are allowed to drive down the one-lane black-top to the field beyond the tents. Within an hour that field will resemble a condensed version of the grassy Fete parking lot in the days when that event used to be held on the playing fields off Washington Road.

Then you are wanded. If, like me, you haven't done much flying since 9/11, "wanded" may seem an amusingly fresh variation on "checked" or "inspected" or "searched." After being wanded, you can pretend you've been touched by magic as you trudge under the hot sun to the press tent.

Five minutes in the press tent and you've sweated through your shirt. The ladies and gentlemen of the press are sitting around a table resigning themselves to the fact that they will be stuck there with nothing much to do until 1:15 at best. It's only 10 a.m. Rush Holt's extremely attentive staff has informed you of the Secret Service man-or high-brows of his well-heeled audience. He uses until after the President

Half-expecting to be scolded and ordered back into the press area, you drift as unobtrusively as you can toward a folding chair under a great tree, an ancient cypress. This, you soon realize, is the best place to be next to being in the house, where the \$1000 people are. Here are mild breezes and shade and a clear view of the drive. The president still hasn't arrived. As a black SUV drives up a pretty camerawoman sits down next to you and assures you it isn't Bill. "But he's due any minute. That's why I came over."

Sure enough, three state police cars soon come up the drive with a black car behind them, not a limo. Someone says "Only four. In the old days it would have been a dozen." That's him. And he's running late.

Rehearsing on Interview

You stay put. It's too nice to move. Others have begun to



WAITING FOR BILL: The crowd in the big tent at Robert and Lisa Stockman's fund-raiser anticipates the arrival of the man from Hope.

discover the spot. They say what you've been thinking. "This is the place to be." You find yourself conversing with a woman who turns out to be Nora Muchanic of Channel 6 Action News in Philadelphia. She tells you Clinton is said to have already signed 38,000 copies of his book, and when she hears you've read and reviewed it, she asks you what you think and you tell her some of the questions you would ask the author if you had the chance.

For instance, how does being reviewed compare with being covered (to put it mildly) while in office. And how does the sting of a nasty review compare with the sort of hostile fire he was subjected to even before Whitewater and Monica? Is he so battle-hardened that broadsides like the one launched by Michiko Kakutani in the Times are no big deal?

You'd ask him to reveal one or two passages he wishes he could have kept in the book. And did he discover anything about himself or his life that surprised him in the act of



STUMPING FOR RUSH: Former President Bill Clinton addressed about 430 supporters of Rep. Rush Holt (D-12th District) last Wednesday in Hopewell Township. The outdoor event drew New Jersey legislators as well as local politicians. In his 30 minute speech, Mr. Clinton lambasted the Bush administration's policies on the war in Iraq, national security, the environment, and tax cuts.

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Clinton Came to Town

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writing, insights that he'd either been unaware of or had never fully comprehended until he put pen to paper? Most political autobiographies are either ghosted or manufactured like a combination of political speech and glorified oral history recorded on tape and then patched together by a team of editorial aides for the "author" to scan.

You have to believe Bill Clinton felt proud and excited in the knowledge that he wrote this tome himself, thousands of pages of it, in long-hand, and against a deadline with serious political and commercial ramifications. Think of it. By hand.

Finally, in your interview you would ask if he foresees writing another book, one that would develop the eye for character and nuance hinted

at in *My Life*. What sort of a book would it be? A thriller like the ones he admitted a liking for in his speech at the Stockman's? Or a political page-turner with a sense of history alert to details like the fact that the Stockman house used to be an inn, with a railroad running through the back yard? Or would he dig deeper in the fertile ground of his early life?

Time to go over to the big tent. Twenty minutes later, there he is, author and President, a happy warrior wowing the crowd. If Bill Clinton continues to write as warmly and potently as he talks, he will always have a captive audience.

—Stuart Mitchner



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Dorothea's House scholarship committee members recently selected 14 Princeton area students to receive an award to help pay for college expenses next year. Since 1963, the Italian-American cultural organization has awarded nearly 400 scholarships to Princeton residents pursuing a four-year college degree. Dorothea's House will hold a 90th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Oct. 3, and the public is invited to join in the festivities at 120 John St. Pictured, from left, are Eleanor Pinelli, Dorothea's House scholarship committee chair, Philippa Fraumeni, Magdalena Pumpulova, Amber Cifelli, and Sarah Ellesse Ramirez. Scholarship winners not pictured are Oliver Crocco, Arwa Ibrahim, Sumia Ibrahim, Claire Marchetta, Antoine Newlin, Clarissa Nogueira, Leanne Philip, John Embley, Charlene St. Clair, and Sanda Win.



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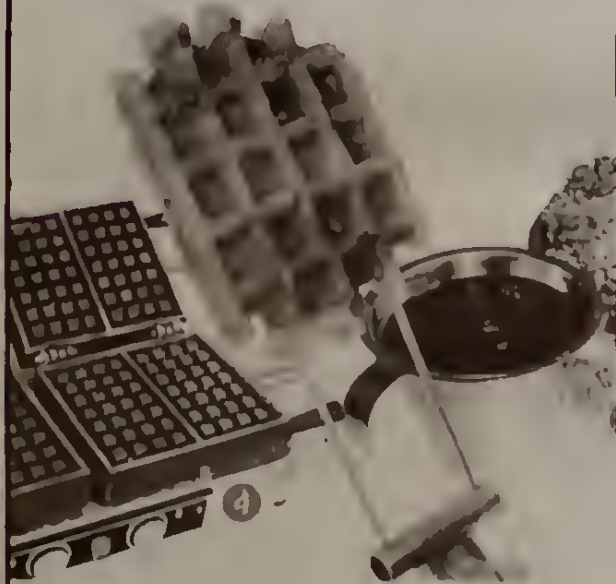
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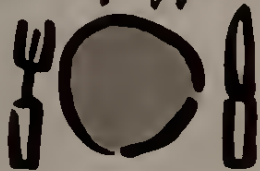
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Dorothea's House Awards Scholarship

Dorothea's House scholarship committee members recently selected 14 Princeton area students to receive an award to help pay for college expenses next year.

Since 1963, the Italian American cultural organization has been awarded nearly 400 scholarships to Princeton residents pursuing a four year college degree. The current president of its board of trustees, Anthony Cifelli, was among the first three recipients of a Dorothea's House scholarship.

The scholarship program is only one facet of the many services provided to the greater Princeton community by Dorothea's House. The non-profit organization also holds Italian classes throughout the year for children and adults and conducts free monthly programs of Italian nature during the academic year. For additional information about Dorothea's House, contact Alessandra Mazzucato at (609) 924-8275 or Eleanor Pinelli at (609) 921-7911.

Cannon Firing On Weekend At Washington Crossing

Lamb's Artillery Company & Daniel Morgan's Rifle Company (Revolutionary War reenactment groups) will be conducting artillery, rifle, and musket demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 14, in the field behind the Visitor Center Museum at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville. The cannon firing demonstrations will be held at noon, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30. This event is sponsored by The Swan Historical Foundation, Inc.

The Visitor Center Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., featuring The Swan Historical Foundation's collection of more than 500 Colonial and Revolutionary War artifacts.

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"I think that we need to go on with our lives and be vigilant, be observant, but I don't think that we should stop doing our ordinary activities."

— Lisa Smukler, Brooks Bend



"I think it is very confusing when the government keeps making the alert higher and then lower and people don't know exactly what to do about it — what they are personally supposed to do about it. And so it is getting confusing — whether it is political, whether it is real, and if it is real, what to do about it."

— Rick Tucci, Derwin Drive



"I guess I feel that I can't really relate to it, because I'm Canadian, and it seems to be a uniquely American phenomenon that Americans get together and get scared about things. I feel very detached from it."

— Mikael Rechtman, College Road



"I think that it is very difficult to determine what information the administration has access to that would warrant a particular threat, and so I don't really pay much attention to the terror warnings and the elevated threat warnings, and especially the color-coded system."

— Sara Nephew, College Road West



"It is a right-wing conspiracy, as usual. I don't believe in it at all."

— Bob Raphael, Snowden Lane

Canal Watch Sponsoring 4.2-Mile Walk on Towpath

D & R Canal Watch is sponsoring a free 4.2-mile walk on the Delaware & Raritan Canal towpath from Weston Causeway to Blackwells Mills. Set to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, the one-way walk will highlight some of the historic sites along this relatively little used section of the state park. At each end of the walk are 18th-century mill sites. The walk also includes three original bridgetender's houses; the former Fleischmann estate, now Colonial Park; and the community of East Millstone, which grew up around the canal and the railroad.

Participants will meet at the Blackwells Mills Causeway parking lot. The causeway links River Road in Hillsborough Township with Canal Road in Franklin Township and is approximately two miles south of Millstone. Carpools will be used to reach the starting point at the Weston Causeway.

Call (609) 924-2683 for further information or if weather is uncertain.

Princeton Center for Yoga Holds Communal Clearing

In a conscious attempt to counteract and release the emotional, spiritual and physical imbalances and pain caused by the fear and losses of September 11, the Princeton Center for Yoga & Health, the region's oldest yoga and holistic healing center, and Jeanette Schwartz of E.S.P. Development, a holistic practitioner with expertise in Feng Shui and Numerology, will lead the community in a traditional Space and Spirit Clearing, a healing ritual that honors the deceased and provides inspiration to those who live with their memory.

The event will take place Saturday, September 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., at PCYH studios in Montgomery. The evening will begin with a preparatory exercise in cleansing breath, followed with a guided chakra-balancing meditation, an invocation and an interactive fire cleansing ceremony to release what is in the past and no longer serves us, and closing with a renewing ritual involving crystals and the sharing of food, drink and conversation with neighbors. Those participating are encouraged to bring food they love to share.

Bonus Film Showing

After having a standing-room only audience at the Mercer County Democracy for America meeting last week, Princeton Peace Network and Mercer County DFA are co-sponsoring a repeat free showing of the documentary, "Outfoxed," on Wednesday, August 11, at 8 p.m. The film will be shown at the Fields Center, on the corner of Olden Street and Prospect Avenue in the International Lounge.

This film "uses the inflammatory tactics of the Fox News Channel to demonstrate the conservative bias that's handed down by Fox's owner, media mogul Rupert Murdoch." For more information, email Shelley@njfor democracy.org, or call (609) 430-0577.

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ARTISTS AT WORK AT ARTWORKS: MCCC is offering a whole range of new courses to be held in the historic Artworks building in downtown Trenton. Artworks has plenty of skylights for natural lighting and large gallery work spaces. Classes at Artworks begin August 30.

MCCC Offering Classes At Artworks in Trenton

Ms. Fagan expressed pleasure with the variety and depth of the class offerings. Mercer County Community College will begin offering "It's a great assortment for credit and non-credit fine art both beginning and established artists. There are introductory classes in painting, will be additional course drawing, and pastels as well offerings with some of the as more specialized classes best art instructors in the for artists seeking to work region, according to Tricia Fagan, MCCC Gallery curator and coordinator of Mercer's ment in a different medium." Artworks Among the specialized classes is located across from the DMV building on Stockton Street, just off the Market Street Exit of Route 1. and watercolor painting.

"We are excited to be offering classes in this wonderful facility and to bring the talent of MCCC's Fine Arts faculty into the heart of the state capital," Fagan said. Instructors for the fall session include some of the college's longtime faculty members, as well as members of Artworks' teaching staff.

There is even a yoga class open to artists and others for "de-stressing" and conditioning. Credit classes begin the week of August 30 and are offered one evening per week for 15 weeks. Noncredit classes start September 11 and are held weekday evenings and Tuesday and Saturday mornings for six, seven or eight weeks.

To register, or to request a brochure or additional information, call (609) 586-9446, or search online at www.mccc.edu.

Duke Farms to Hold Fall Birding Programs

Experienced birders are invited to attend two different birding programs with Duke Farms this fall. On Saturday, September 11, birders are invited to a search for neotropical songbirds from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Participants should see warblers, vireos, flycatchers, swallows, and raptors. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 12.

On Saturday, October 16, birders may watch for waterfowl and sparrows from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participants can expect to see a variety of ducks and geese, including wood duck, ring-necked duck, American black duck, hooded merganser, ruddy duck, green-winged teal, Canadian goose, and mallard. Sparrow sightings are likely to include white-crowned, Lincoln's, and vesper. The rain date for this event is Sunday, October 17.

The programs' leader will be Chris Aquila, Duke Farms' natural resources supervisor and six-time winner of the New Jersey Audubon World Series of Birding. The programs will take place at Duke Farms, and will involve approximately one-mile of easy walking on mostly flat terrain, as well as a small amount of driving to a number of Duke Farms' birding "hot spots."

The program fee is \$25, and participants are asked to bring binoculars, a field guide,

comfortable walking shoes, water, and insect repellent. For more information or to make a reservation, call (908) 722-3700.

Howell Potato Harvest To Help Hunger Projects

Howell Living History Farm will celebrate the coming harvest season on Saturday, August 14, by the Greater Mercer Food Cooperative. The potatoes were planted April 24 by Howell Farm visitors, volunteers, and interns.

Visitors of all ages can join the harvest crew at any time between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for as long or as short a time as they like. Experience is not necessary. The crew will be led by farm staff and interns, who will use horses or oxen to pull a special plow called a "potato lifter." Visitors can help by gathering potatoes unearthed by the lifter and by turning the crank of the Farm's potato grader to sort the potatoes.

Lemonade and cookies will be served to field workers throughout the day.

A children's craft program, "Potato Chips," will be offered in the farmhouse from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Cost is \$1 per craft; each craft takes 20 minutes to complete. Crafts are offered on a walk-in basis; groups of 8 or more must pre-register.

Howell Farm is located on Valley Rd., just off Rt. 29, two miles south of Lambertville. Parking and admission are free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, call the Mercer County Park Commission at (609) 737-3299.

Volunteers Are Needed For Child Placement Boards

The Superior Court of New Jersey for Mercer County is seeking citizen volunteers for its Child Placement Review Boards.

The New Jersey State Legislature established the New Jersey Child Placement Review (CPR) Board System in 1978. CPR Boards are comprised of court-appointed citizen volunteers who are charged with the responsibility of monitoring cases of all children placed outside their homes by the Division of Youth and Family Services.

The Child Placement Review Boards are an integral component of the Mercer County Superior Court Family Division. The CPR volunteers assist the Judiciary with ensuring that children in placement are protected and nurtured. Boards must review and approve, in a timely manner, every plan for a child placed outside of their homes.

All approved plans assure that the placement is in the child's best interest. Last year, the state reviewed 13,000 cases of children in placement. These children receive periodic reviews until he or she is returned home, adopted, or reaches the age of 18.

All volunteers must complete a training program in order to have a better understanding of the complex nature of the problems facing children in out-of-home placement. Those interested in volunteering should contact Paula Andrews, coordinator of volunteers, at (609) 571-4027, or email paula.andrews@judiciary.state.nj.us.



'SHALL I COMPARE THEE TO A SUMMER'S DAY?': Worthy of a Shakespeare sonnet, Alexandra Henkels lends her beauty to a summer's day at Terhune Orchards. (Photo by George Vogel)

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- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large organic onion, thinly sliced
- 4 medium organic potatoes, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves organic garlic, crushed
- 2 medium organic zucchini, thinly sliced
- 2 small cans tomato sauce
- Marjoram
- Hot pepper flakes
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

RECIPE #1

Heat olive oil in a large skillet. Add onions, potatoes, and zucchini and sauté until onions are translucent. Add tomato sauce and crushed garlic. Season to taste with marjoram, pepper flakes, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until tender.

RECIPE #2

Preheat oven to 350°F. Sauté vegetables and season as above. Place vegetables in an oven-proof casserole. Top with 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup bread crumbs. Bake for 20 minutes or until brown.

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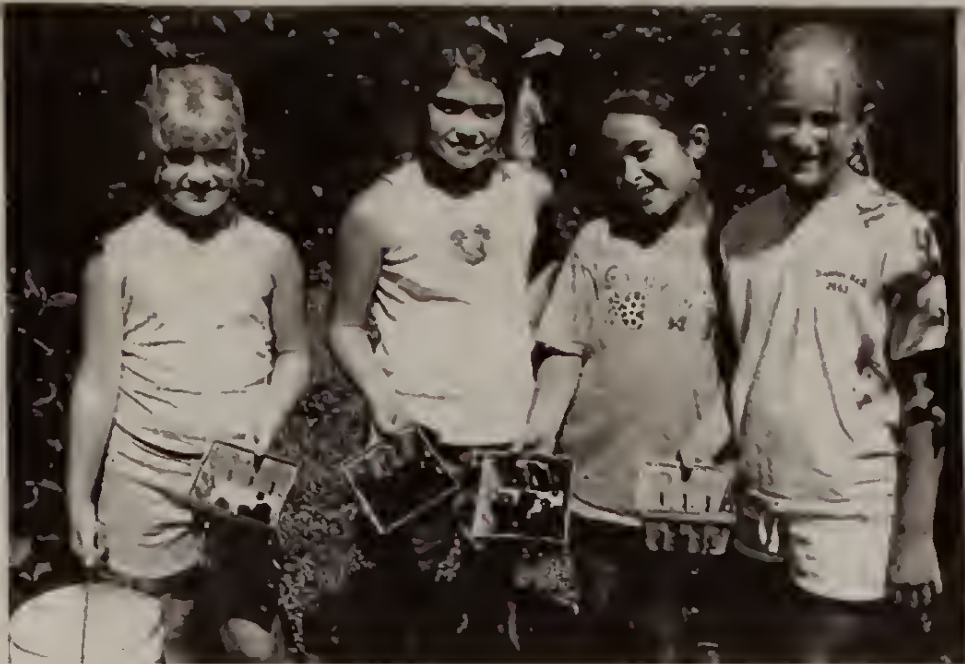
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SO FAR, SO GOOD: It's blackberry season at Terhune Orchards and these 4th-graders have only begun to pick. Pictured (from left) are Emily Eisler, Katherine O'Donnell, Gabriella Henkels, and Molly Pighini. The girls are also celebrating Gabriella's birthday.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Children Explore Library With Scavenger Hunt

Young people will embark on an architectural adventure at the Princeton Public Library during a program on Thursday, August 12, at 4:30 p.m. Architect David Cohen will lead children ages 11 and over on architectural scavenger hunts of the new library building, designed by Nicholas Garrison of Hillier Architecture.

Mr. Cohen said the program is designed to help young people

develop an awareness of their physical surroundings and to begin to examine the factors that influence architectural decision-making.

"Many of us walk through life missing much of the visual richness of our world; sometimes we shut out our surroundings on purpose to escape from the visual clutter and ugliness," said Mr. Cohen. "Learning to notice and appreciate our natural and man-made environment is an important step in helping to improve it, and we're never too young to start. Our beautiful new library building provides a wonderful positive example to learn from."

Young people participating in the hour-long program will gather in the Open Book Café to be assigned teams to explore the library. When the scavenger hunt is over, a snack will be served while Mr. Cohen leads a discussion about the architectural features of the new building.

"We're so pleased to wel-

come David Cohen back to the library for another architecture program for young people," said Jan Johnson, manager of the library's Youth Services Department. "His previous programs were very popular and we have no doubt that these scavenger hunts will be any different."

The new \$18 million Princeton Public Library opened April 24 to widespread community acclaim. The three-story structure contains 55,000 square feet for public use plus a 4,000-square-foot mechanical penthouse. The new library has a capacity for 175,000 books and library materials and features 100 computers for public use and a state-of-the-art technology center.

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An Overview of Equitable Distribution in New Jersey

New Jersey is an equitable distribution state which means that, in the event of a divorce, marital property is not automatically split 50-50, but divided in a manner that is fair but not necessarily equal. New Jersey courts have developed a three step process to distribute assets.

First, the court will identify which assets are subject to distribution. These may range from the marital home, bank accounts and automobiles to stock options and pensions. Generally, courts have defined marital property to be property acquired by either or both spouses from the date of marriage to the filing of the divorce. Under New Jersey law, the title under which the asset was acquired is not determinative of distribution. For example, if a house was purchased in the husband's name during the marriage, it could still be considered marital property subject to equitable distribution.

Assets not subject to distribution can include property acquired prior to marriage, property acquired during the marriage as gifts from third parties or by inheritance, or property acquired after the filing of the divorce complaint. These assets must not be commingled with marital property in order to be exempt from equitable distribution. If separate property increases in value during the marriage, the appreciation may become marital property. To determine if the increase is subject to distribution, courts will consider whether any improvement to the property was a result of a market fluctuation or a result of the contributions and efforts by a spouse.

Second, the court will value the marital property. This step may be as straightforward as looking at bank statements or it can be a more complicated process involving appraisers and accountants.

In step three, the court is granted wide discretion to determine the most equitable way to distribute the assets. In accordance

with New Jersey's Equitable Distribution Statute, courts will consider many factors, including, but not limited to:

- The duration of the marriage
- The income or property brought to the marriage and earned during the marriage by each party (including the contribution of a party as a homemaker)
- Any written agreement made by the parties before or during the marriage concerning an arrangement of property division
- The income and earning capacity of each party, including custodial responsibilities for children
- The present value of the property
- The need of a parent who has physical custody of a child to own or occupy the marital residence and to use or own the household effects
- The debts and liabilities of the parties

This list of factors is not exhaustive. One purpose of this statute is to take into account the role of a homemaker or stay-at-home parent or spouse in what courts have viewed as a joint enterprise. Finally, one should also note that courts have excluded fault as a factor in the distribution of property at the time of a divorce.

This is a general overview of New Jersey's equitable distribution law and is only intended to be an introduction into this area of family law. As previously indicated, this process may range from a simple and straightforward distribution to a complicated and more sophisticated process. Speak with an attorney who specializes in family law to answer your questions on equitable distribution.

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MAILBOX

Proposed Jazz Club Is "Unacceptable" For Birch-Leigh-Bayard Neighborhood

To the Editor:

The Zoning Board recently opened up a Pandora's box that will wreak havoc on our local community by granting a use variance for a "New York-Style" jazz club at the site of what is now Mike's Tavern.

There is a larger picture here with potentially negative altering effects on the surrounding neighborhoods of Birch, Leigh, Bayard and Duffield Place that the Zoning Board simply "tip-toed" around at their recent meeting granting preliminary approval.

In the minutes from the meeting, The Zoning Board referred repeatedly to the current establishment, Mike's Tavern, being "very similar" and basing their approval on the long-term existence of Mike's Tavern not having any negative effects on the immediate and surrounding neighborhoods. Indeed, Mike's Tavern is a quiet, small bar and package store. Unlike Mike's Tavern, however, the proposed jazz club will target 150-plus patrons, comprising three floors, and with music lasting until 1 a.m. seven days a

week. I live near Mike's Tavern and have never seen 150 people there with music bellowing from the premises, nor have I seen or heard the mass exodus of patrons at 1 a.m. The Zoning Board was just plain wrong when they professed a similarity between the two establishments.

In addition, The Zoning Board did not address the genuine parking issues and how they affect the immediate and surrounding neighborhoods. Many of us will have our quiet street disrupted by the noise and parking of patrons at virtually all hours of the day, seven days a week until 1 a.m. What about the safety of kids who play on the dead-end streets of Duffield Place and Old Bayard Lane, or the kids who play on Birch Avenue and the nearby Community Park?

The Board places only one contingency on the approval: "Any change in the type of music from jazz and jazz-related music to any other type of music would require reapplication to the Zoning Board." Unfortunately, I don't think we have "jazz police" in Princeton to determine the type of music playing at the club. I have greater faith in Duke Ellington who said: "It is becoming increasingly difficult to decide where jazz starts or where it stops, where Tin Pan Alley begins and jazz ends, or even where the borderline lies between classical music and jazz. I feel there is no boundary line." This shows just how worthless that contingency actually is.

While I recognize that change is inevitable in our community, "change is inevitable" is more than a cliché when it concerns our neighborhoods and long-term impacts of parking, traffic, noise, and disruption of the enjoyment of our

daily lives. Change has to benefit the local residential neighborhoods too, not just the business owner. There is more at stake here than the Zoning Board has realized. Frankly, it is unacceptable and must be stopped.

CHAD GOERNER
Old Bayard Lane

Auto Accident Survivor Recommends Caution Driving Near the High School

To the Editor:

On July 22, my 10-year-old daughter and I were involved in a serious automobile accident on the corner of Terhune Road and Walnut Lane, and consider ourselves very lucky to be alive and well two weeks later.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank the many good Samaritans who stopped their cars to help, and neighbors — thanks, George — who notified the police and EMS on our behalf. I also want to thank the Princeton Township Police officers on the scene, the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad members who attended to us, and the staff at Princeton Medical Center for their compassion and excellent care.

It is my suggestion that, due to the volume of young and inexperienced drivers commuting to the high school through the Walnut/Terhune and Walnut/Valley Road intersections, drivers slow down and proceed with great caution on Terhune and Valley, regardless of who has the right of way.

MITCH WEINER
Terhune Road

Can the Medical Center at Princeton Compete Against Big City Hospitals?

To the Editor:

Mayor Phyllis Marchand and members of the Princeton Health Care Task Force will hopefully ask the right questions as they continue to review the hospital's strategic plan (see "Task Force Reviews Hospital's Strategic Plan," Town Topics, July 21).

The word "competitive" appeared several times in the Town Topics article and while Barry Rabner, president and CEO of the hospital system, maintains the hospital needs to be brought up to date to be competitive, my questions are these:

- 1) Will a new facility restore loyalty on the part of patients and physicians who chose to go elsewhere over recent years?
- 2) Can a community hospital really be expected to compete with Sloan-Kettering or Mount Sinai in New York City, or the University of Pennsylvania complex in Philadelphia?
- 3) Barry Royce, chair of the Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment, correctly sees "a shrewd business objective" in the strategic plan. Do we have finances driving the hospital out of town?
- 4) Isn't it time to better serve the community's needs instead of engaging in a contest where health facilities strive to outdo each other? After all, we do have St. Peter's and Robert Wood Johnson within easy driving distance.

Mayor Marchand recognizes this hospital issue as a "major event" in the community, but let's remember as we "compete" that we need to be the victor, not the loser.

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Hughes Seeks Referendum On More Open Space Funds

County Executive Brian M. Hughes has called for a ballot question asking Mercer County voters whether they want to add another penny to the county's open space tax, which would help protect at least 2,000 more acres from development.

Mr. Hughes forwarded his resolution to the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The proposal limits the spending for parkland development and historic preservation to no more than 15 percent of the proceeds derived from the increase. This would be the first time the open space tax would include funds for historic preservation.

"An additional penny at this time will strike the right balance between preserving land and controlling property taxes, both now and in the future," Mr. Hughes said. "Land costs are rising. Now is the time to act."

In June the Mercer County Open Space Preservation Board responded to recent trends, recommending an increase in the open space tax of up to 5 cents, more than twice the current tax. Hughes sought additional data before forwarding a resolution to the freeholders.

The County Executive said he is mindful of the pressure on property taxpayers. "However," he said, "if we do nothing, land costs will quickly outstrip our ability to protect what's left and that, in turn, will have consequences for taxpayers."

On Thursday, August 12, at 11 a.m. Mr. Hughes will visit with members of the Master Gardeners of Mercer County as they work at various gar-

dens they built and maintain at the Mercer County Compost Demonstration Site and Gardens. The compost site, on the grounds of the Mercer County Equestrian Center on Federal City Road, has gardens that demonstrate the growing of annuals, perennials, native plants, and plants that attract butterflies; that provide weed identification; and that feature cottage and herb gardening.

"Life on the Farm" Program Planned at Howell Farm

The Howell Living History Farm has announced that it is accepting applications for parent-child enrollment in its fall hatchery program, which runs for 12 weeks starting September 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13. One parent must join the Farm's staff in exchange for each child's participation in the program. No experience is necessary.

The program is designed to introduce children to life on the farm, while parents volunteer time to help the Farm staff work with fall visitation groups and various other chores.

Children aged 3 to 5 years may participate in the program, which features such activities as feeding and watering animals, collecting eggs, picking pumpkins, storytelling, and taking a hayride.

Parents may enroll by attending an organizational meeting on either Tuesday, August 10 at 1 p.m. or Thursday, August 18 at 1 p.m. Meetings are intended for parents only. Reservations are not required.

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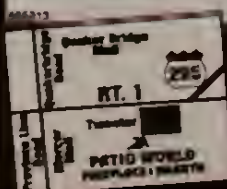
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Programs	Wed 08/11	Th. 08/12	Fri. 08/13	Sat 08/14	Sun 08/15	Mon 08/16	Tue 08/17
Mercer County News	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM			10:00 AM
VOX ARTIS. Interviews with Local Artists, www.VoxArtis.tv	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
"Cooking Show"	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM
Children's Show	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:30 AM
Access NJ (episode 45, 2004)	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM		
6th Sense Conversations in Movement (dance)						12:00 PM	12:00 PM
Day Tripping: "The Flower, Garden & Outdoor Living show"	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM		
"La Tonnave" - tuna fishing in Mediterranean						1:00 PM	1:00 PM
"Oasis" film by Jerry Saravie's	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM		
"Martin Roma's Musical Parodies" presented by 55Plus Club						2:00 PM	2:00 PM
"Inkhay" - Traditional Music of Andes Mountains						3:00 PM	3:00 PM
Scientific Lecture	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
A Barron Arts Center Concert. "All Seasons Chamber Players"	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM		
"The Bards of Princeton" C. K. Williams and Gerald Sterns, Poets						5:30 PM	5:30 PM
"Cicadas - Attack of the Noisy Bugs" by Mike Littwin	8:15 PM	8:15 PM	8:15 PM	8:15 PM	8:15 PM		
"Jimmy's" - Antique Car Show						6:45 PM	6:45 PM
Meet the Mayors	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Mercer County News (Mon.-Fri.) & WZBN en Espanol (Sat. & Sun.)	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
A FISTFUL OF P*O*P*C*O*R*N Princeton's movie review	8:00 PM			8:00 PM		8:00 PM	
A Writers Community. Interviews with writers		8:00 PM	8:00 PM		8:00 PM		8:00 PM
VOX ARTIS. Interviews with Local Artists, www.VoxArtis.tv	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM
Scientific Lecture	9:30 PM	9:30 PM	9:30 PM	9:30 PM	9:30 PM	9:30 PM	9:30 PM
Café Improv show	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM
"Cooking Show"	1:00 AM	1:00 AM	1:00 AM	1:00 AM	1:00 AM	1:00 AM	1:00 AM

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 11

1 p.m.: Talk, "How to Use Google More Efficiently," with author Nancy Blachman; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Advisory Board; Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: South Pacific; Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8:15 p.m. (approx.): Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, Henry V; Pettoranello Gardens.

9:30 p.m.: Liquified Blues/Rock Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Thursday, August 12

4:30 p.m.: Children's Architectural Scavenger Hunt; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Princeton Summer Theater's Scenes from American Life; Hamilton Murray Theater. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

10 p.m.: Jack's Farm Rock Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Friday, August 13

10 a.m.: Cinderella; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Rapunzel; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

8 p.m.: A Class Act; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. 10:30 p.m.: Roger Hurricane Blues Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

8 p.m.: Concert, Sounds of Taiwan, Musical Ties That Bind, with The Formosa Singers; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.

Saturday, August 14

Noon: Concert of Latin Jazz and flamenco music with guitarist Arturo Romy; Ten Thousand Villages, Princeton Shopping Center.

6 p.m.: SLO Motion; Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

10:30 p.m.: Dialect hip-hop band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Monday, August 16

7 p.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

Tuesday, August 17

5:30 p.m.: Princeton Public

Library Board of Trustees; Princeton Public Library.

7 p.m.: Talk, "One Woman's Motorcycle Journey Through North America," with author Karen Larsen; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair.

Wednesday, August 18

11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.: Guided Tours, The Park at Duke Farms, Hillsborough.

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Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

7 p.m.: Children's Program with The Jersey Devil; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m. (approx.): Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, 6 p.m.: Tootsie; Pettoranello Gardens.

9:30 p.m.: John Icar Jazz Trio; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Thursday, August 19

8 p.m.: Oklahoma; Open

Friday, August 20

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Summer Sidewalk Sale; Palmer Square. Also Saturday and Sunday.

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Beauty and the Beast; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa.

Also Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

10:30 p.m.: PP Junior and The Bluehawks; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, August 21

6 p.m.: Glove & Killdeer Rock Band; Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

10:30 p.m.: French Cookin' blues band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 11 - Wednesday, August 18

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108

SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER at Spruce Circle (SC), off Harrison Street, and SUZANNE PATTERSON BUILDING (SPB), on 45 Stockton Street, behind Boro Hall.

Need Guidance? Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, August 11:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Studio Time; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
1:00 p.m. Movie & Free Lunch; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, August 12:

9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too; RC.
1:00 p.m. Independent Art; SPB.

Friday, August 13:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.

Monday, August 16:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Coping with Bereavement; SPB.
1:30 p.m. The Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, August 17:

9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure; RC
12:30 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, August 18:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Studio Time; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents; SPB.

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You can read many different chess books and learn a lot of great tactics and strategies that will certainly help your tournament results. There is no better way to learn new ideas about chess than discovering them by oneself. I find that this is the best way to absorb any material.

One effective way to do this is to play through the games printed in this column as well as any other games you can obtain making sure to pay close attention to the game. First, identify the decisive advantage. Then, once you understand why this advantage leads to a win, see if you can find how the player achieved that advantage.

By simple experimentation you can observe the characteristics of a position in which a certain strategy may or may not be effective. Try using the strategy in your games and track the results. How can you adjust your strategy when the position changes and other strategies seem to be more appropriate?

In this week's featured game, white obtains a huge advantage in space on the kingside and the obvious breakthrough is the f5 push. White maneuvers until his position is well prepared for this breakthrough, all along considering the possible outcomes of the push (capture, further push, etc.). He finishes it off with a beautiful rook sacrifice!

—Chad Lieberman



Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

Babula, V. - Hausner, I.
Lazne, 1994

1.d4
2.c4
3.Nf3
4.Nxd4
5.e4
6.Nc3
7.Be2
8.0-0
9.f3
10.Kh1
11.g4
12.Be3
13.g5
14.Rg1
15.Qd2
16.Rad1
17.Nc2
18.Bd4
19.f4
20.Qe1
21.Qg3
22.Qg2
23.f5
24.Qf2
25.Nxe4
26.Qxh4
27.cxd5
28.Nc3
29.Rdf1
30.Rxf7
31.Qxh7+
32.Bg4+

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Qd8
Qa5
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Be7
Nxe4
Bxf5
d5
cxd5
Bxc2
Bc5
Kxf7
Ke6

Black resigns

gxb6

Solution:
2.Nh7#

CLUBS

The Princeton Area Chapter of **Mothers & More** will meet on Thursday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting topic will be "Favorite Internet Sites."

For information or directions to the meeting, call Jacquie Pillisbury at (609) 844-0748.

Mothers & More is an international not-for-profit organization supporting mothers who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. The Princeton chapter holds regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month. It also hosts Mom & Tot outings, playgroups, Mom's night out events, family events, and a book club.

Last Chance to Sign Up For Summer Chess Camp

The YWCA of Princeton is announcing a last call for children who would like to learn chess from a real master. Championship chess player Alex Braylovskiy still has a few spots open in his Chess "Mini Camp" at the YWCA Princeton. The camp runs

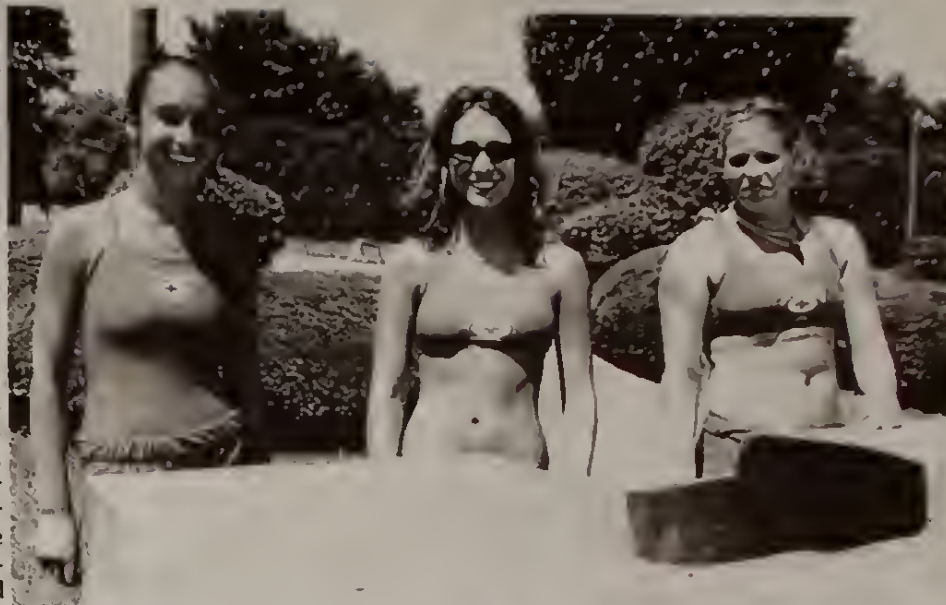
from Monday, August 16, through Friday, August 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Girls and boys, ages six and up, will learn the basics of chess, or they can learn how to improve their game should they already know the fundamentals.

A native of Uzbekistan, Mr. Braylovskiy took first place in the championship at Tashkent in 1992 and has been a pro-

fessional chess instructor for more than 20 years. His students have accumulated a number of prestigious titles both overseas and in the U.S. Locally, his students have won tournaments at Princeton Day School.

Fee for the week-long camp is \$90. For more information or to register, call (609) 497-2100, ext. 317.



THE CHALLENGERS: Lifeguard challengers, from left, Natalie Feigenbaum, Courtney Perrine, and Nina Rossi, are ready to row at last Wednesday's 6th Annual Cardboard Race at Community Park Pool.

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Yumiko Mishima New Director and Teachers Join The Waldorf School

The Board of Trustees for The Waldorf School of Princeton has announced the hiring of Yumiko Mishima as the new Executive Director.

A resident of Hillsborough Township, Ms. Mishima has served non-profits throughout central New Jersey, including, along with The Waldorf School, the Princeton YWCA, the New Jersey Human Relations Council Advisory Board, Beyond Diversity Resource Center, and the Resource Center for Women and Their Families. Ms. Mishima is also the parent of a Waldorf graduate.

The Waldorf School has also appointed three new teachers in the grade school programs.

Pennington resident Terri Fredericks will be the new first grade class teacher, accompanying this new class for the next eight years, from first through eighth grade. Mrs. Fredericks received a B.S. in electrical engineering from Drexel University and recently completed a master's degree in Waldorf Education from Antioch College in New Hampshire.

Season Petering will be

moving to the Princeton area to become the new class teacher for the second grade. She, too, plans to accompany her class all the way through eighth grade as their class teacher. Ms. Petering is herself a Waldorf graduate and went on to complete her B.A. in English from the University of Iowa. She later completed the Waldorf Teacher Training Program at Sunbridge College in Spring Valley, N.Y. Ms. Petering is also presently a candidate for a master's of science degree in Waldorf Remedial Education.

Princeton resident Nathan Wadley will assume responsibility for the Waldorf School's vocal program. He received both a B.A. in music and choral studies and a master's in music and choral conducting from the Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. Mr. Wadley is an alumnus of the American Boychoir School in Princeton.

President's List Students Announced at MCCC

Mercer County Community College has announced the names of area students who qualified for its President's List for the Spring semester. To be recognized for the honor, students must have earned a perfect grade point average of 4.0 for the semester.

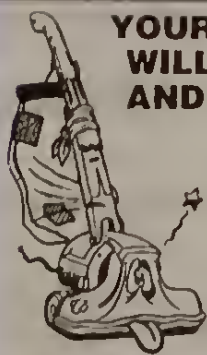
President's List students from Princeton are Michelle Sherl Bjornlie, Steven D. Brown, James Daniel Doggett, Colman Rogers Dougherty, Anne Egberts, Theresa Marie Feo, Maryjane F. Harris, Mandi Lynn Huizenga, Patricia Janicek, Patricia Z. Levine, William M. Lieberman, Mary A. Meadows, Mary Pierson, Joseph Schuler, Kevin M. Smith, and Jeff Trafidlo.

President's List students from Princeton Junction are Alma M. Blich, Daniel P. Feingold, Amy L. Friedman, Elliot B. Gordon, James Hanly, Melissa Hargis-Villanueva, Rosanne D. Johnston, Jody A. Lisco, David G. Mailloux, Laurie A. Musante, Simon Pankove, Vyomaben D. Patel, Margaret Provine, Sadhna Singh, Vijaya L. Subramanian, Son-dra J. Tomei, and Bin Xu.



THE FAMILY THAT SWIMS TOGETHER SMILES TOGETHER: The Anastasiou family, Elena, Peter and their children Demi and Evan enjoy a fine summer day at Community Park pool.
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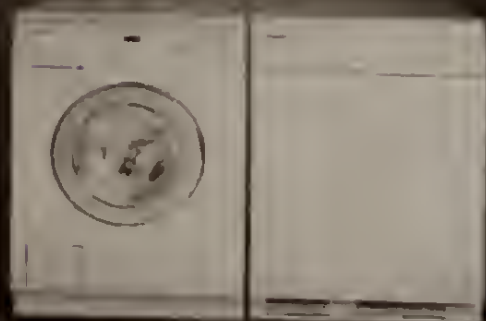
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BANANA ANNA: Anna Kaplan smiling all the way as she celebrates steering the banana boat to the Grand Victory, having easily won the third heat at last Wednesday's 6th Annual Cardboard Canoe Race at Community Park Pool.

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Ask and Ye Shall Receive: MCCC Answers Requests

After completing two courses in Interior Design offered by Mercer County Community College's non-credit division, Patricia Cummings of Hamilton Square asked for more. "The course was not long enough," she said. "I would like to see more courses in this subject and a certificate program in Interior Design."

One of many students in her class who asked for more offerings, Ms. Cummings will get her wish this September when the College begins new interior design classes and a certificate program in the discipline.

Responding to the needs and interests of adult students in the county is the specialty of the College's Center for Continuing Studies, which offers non-credit career and personal development classes year-round. According to Director of Community Education Yvonne Chang, "the Center designs courses based on student feedback, suggestions from the community and our instructors, and

needs identified by the College's credit side."

One community-inspired request, from parents of home-schooled teens, was to provide supplemental classes in higher level courses that are difficult to teach at home. Starting September 11, the School will offer a science laboratory course, small-group learning in a math "boot camp," an introduction to Spanish, and PSAT/SAT preparation.

Meeting the ever-changing needs of the business community is always a challenge, Ms. Chang said. The college works closely with business leaders in designing courses that range from computer applications to marketing and management. One innovative new course this fall is Human Performance Improvement in the Workplace, which will help businesses increase revenue and find solutions for organizational problems. The college will host a complimentary breakfast on Tuesday, September 14 at 8 a.m. to introduce potential students to the topic in preparation for an October 8 starting date.

Another new venture this fall will be a ten-week Saturday course in real estate prelicensing, beginning October 2. The need for the course came from the college's credit business division, which received many requests for such a non-credit course.

The arts community in central New Jersey has also been asking for more. Starting this fall, MCCC will team up with Artworks in Trenton to offer a series of new courses at the Artworks facility. Offerings will include portrait and figure painting, printmaking, pastels, mold-making and resin casting, watercolor, and silk-screen and drawing techniques for botanical art.

For more information about classes offered through The Center for Continuing Studies, or to receive a catalog of course listings, call (609) 586-9446 or visit www.mccc.edu.

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Head-On Collision Injures Both Drivers, Closes State Road

An August 3 head-on collision on State Road, approximately a quarter mile north of Ewing Street, resulted in injuries to the drivers of both vehicles — Florence Nyumu, 46, of Hillsborough, and Teresa Fallon-Yandoli, 43, of Monmouth Junction. The mid-afternoon accident forced the closure of Route 206 for more than two hours.

According to Township Police, Ms. Nyumu was traveling southbound in her 1996 Plymouth at the time of the accident when, for an unknown reason, she swerved into the northbound lane, colliding with Ms. Fallon-Yandoli, who was driving a 2000 Chrysler van. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

As a result of the collision, Ms. Nyumu was trapped inside her car and had to be extricated by members of the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad. She was then taken to the Helene Fuld Trauma Center in Trenton for treatment of internal injuries and injuries to her legs. Ms. Fallon-Yandoli was treated for contusions and abrasions of her knees at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Princeton Township Police, the Princeton Fire Department, and officials from the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office all participated in the investigation at the scene. Charges against Ms. Nyumu are pending completion of the investigation.

A Newark man employed as a door-to-door solicitor for the Democratic National Committee was arrested in Princeton on August 3 after a records check determined that he was wanted on seven active criminal and motor vehicle warrants from jurisdictions throughout the state. The arresting officer, Borough Patrolman John Furyk, was responding to a complaint of a suspicious individual on Gordon Way at the time of the late-afternoon arrest.

The accused man, Robert H. Codey, Jr., was charged with contempt of court for ignoring the earlier summonses, then turned over to the East Orange Police Department in lieu of \$3,577 bail.

A theft investigation conducted jointly by Borough Police and a Department of Public Safety official at Princeton University led to the August 3 arrest of a 22-year-old University employee, Sharon E. Mackner of Edgewater Park. The investigation took place at the University's West College.

According to police, Ms.

Mackner was not only wanted on warrants from several municipal courts, but was also a suspect in a July 1 theft of cash at the University. During her interrogation at Police Headquarters, she gave police a statement about her involvement in that theft which led to an additional charge. She was released with a complaint summons after posting bail of \$1,500.

Another collaborative effort involving Borough Police and University Public Safety Officers resulted in the August 8 arrest of a Trenton man on several counts. The accused man, Dwaine J. Ellis, 38, was first charged with being in possession of a bicycle stolen from a University student. A search of his person then found him to be in possession of a hypodermic syringe. Finally, at Police Headquarters he was also found to be wanted on warrants from numerous New Jersey jurisdictions. After being charged with receiving stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia, and contempt of court, he was turned over to the Lawrence Township Police Department and held in default of \$3,509 bail.

Contempt of court was also the charge against Kent G. Samuels, 36, of Trenton, following his 3 a.m. arrest at the dinky train station on University Place. Responding to a tip, police found Mr. Samuels lying on the ground at the station, later learning that he was wanted on warrants from multiple municipal courts. He was charged at Borough Hall, then turned over to the Willingboro Police Department and held in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

Monique Royce, 26, of Trenton, was arrested on August 7 for operating her motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. She was subsequently found to be wanted on two active warrants from the Trenton Municipal Court. After being issued several motor vehicle summonses, she posted bail of \$264 and was released on her own recognizance.

An Ocean model kayak valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen from a dock on Lake Carnegie sometime between August 1 and August 7. The victim, who reported the theft on August 9, told police that the kayak had been left unsecured on the dock behind his Lake Lane residence. Police have no suspect(s).

A backpack containing a cell phone valued at \$229 was reported stolen from its owner, a 12-year-old boy, at Community Park Pool between 2 and 5 p.m. on August 2. The boy reported having left the backpack in an unlocked locker in the men's locker room while he went swimming.

A report of suspicious behavior in a car parked on Fisher Avenue led to the arrest on August 6 of Thomas J. Siepmann, 18, of Green Briar Row, Anthony W. Goodwyn, 20, of Fisher Avenue, and Donna M. Snadell, 18, of Dayton for possession of marijuana under 50 grams. The three, accompanied by an unidentified juvenile female, were booked at Borough Hall and released with summonses to appear in court on August 16. The juvenile was turned over to a parent.

A 35-year-old Trenton man was charged with driving while intoxicated after he was stopped for a traffic violation on Paul Robeson Place shortly after 1 a.m. on August 7. Kelvin A. Russell was charged with DWI and other motor vehicle violations and assigned an August 9 court date.



PRESTON MEETS THE AUTHOR: Marcia Swallow reads to Preston Snyder from her book "Grandma and Me" during Friday's Sunset Art Walk. All of the proceeds from sales of the book were donated to Women's America ORT.

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A graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Epstein received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He continued his subspecialty education in ophthalmology at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia where he received extensive training in cataracts, glaucoma, cornea and external disease, diabetes, and other diseases of the eye. Dr. Epstein has trained extensively in LASIK and PRK and will perform refractive surgery along with the other doctors at The Princeton Eye Group and Wills Laser Vision at Princeton.

He is a member of the fac-

ulty at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia where he teaches medical students and residents and has published extensively on a wide range of topics. He is also a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Epstein resides in Princeton Junction with his wife and one child.

Andrew Kenneth Miller of Princeton and **Matthew Seth Blumenfeld** of West Windsor have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Madison dean's list for the spring semester. To be eligible for the honor, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits during the semester, and rank in the top 10 percent of their class or achieve a grade point average of at least 3.75.

Carole B. Moore has been re-appointed as a trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, an organization dedicated to promoting law-related education and giving all New Jersey residents a basic understanding of the legal system.

Ms. Moore currently serves as head of the Upper School at Chapin School, where she previously held positions as a math teacher. She also currently serves as community service coordinator for the school and still manages to teach a course in mathematics. Ms. Moore received the Teacher of the Year Award for Mercer County in 1996 from the WalMart Foundation and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the Golden Key Society, and Sigma Alpha Eta, a Speech and Hearing Honor Society.

Within her community, Ms. Moore has served as president, vice president, and treasurer of the Young Women's Association of New Canaan,

and as a representative and PTO president of the New Canaan Board of Education. In addition, she has been a member of the boards of the New Canaan Society for the Arts and ABC (A Better Chance) of New Canaan.

She holds degrees from Penn State University and Douglass College, and has received certifications from Rider University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Summer Lynne Headley of Princeton, a 2001 graduate of Stuart Country Day School, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Wake Forest University. The recognition requires a grade point average of 3.0 or more. Ms. Headley is a communications major.

Seven area residents are recipients of this year's Eden Services Charles H. Hoens Jr. Scholarships. They are **Kelly Hanlon** of Robbinsville, **Anna Klausner** of West Windsor, **Rachel Prakash** of Hammonton, **Amanda Sawma** of Plainsboro, **Lauren Marie Schaffer** of Villas, **Jenna Diane Shaughnessy** of Plainsboro, and **Christine Tirrell** of Lawrenceville. In addition one student with autism was selected for a scholarship through the Autism Society of America.

The Hoens scholarships are intended to provide support to the communities in which Eden operates its facilities, while also encouraging students within these communities to pursue careers in special education and to become more aware of autism.

The scholarships are sponsored in memory of the late Charles H. Hoens Jr., who was a nationally recognized

attorney with a lifelong devotion to equal educational opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Princeton-based Eden Family of Services has provided lifespan services for children and adults with autism since 1975.

Ten Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 10 births to area residents during the week ending August 9.

Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Laura and Jim Dolan of Princeton on August 9.

Sons were also born to Rosa Ortiz and Humberto Santiago, Princeton, August 4; Pamela and Mario Rubbo, Princeton, August 5; and Margarita Jarecki and Donald Kobayashi, Princeton Junction, August 7.

Daughters were also born to Brenda Rivera and Gustavo Garcia, Princeton, August 3; Ellen Marie and Karl Falkenstein, Lawrenceville, August 3; Andrea and Paul Cresti, Skillman, August 4; Tasha and Peter Wiehe, Lawrenceville, August 7; and Ramona Garcia, Princeton, August 8.

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ICE CREAM ALL AROUND-ALMOST: During Friday's Sunset Art Walk Grandpa Ralph Harris enjoys a cone with Michelle Burke and Conor Burke while baby Ella slept.

(Photo by George Vogel)



PLAY "MELANCHOLY BABY": Sophie Elizabeth Megardie has a word with guitarist Carmen Mar-ranco of the Tone Rangers Band last Friday evening during the Sunset Art Walk. Is it a request or a critique?

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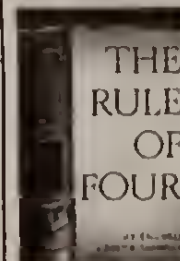
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"FLIRTATION": This Sandra C. Davis gum bichromate print is on display as part of "Garden Perspectives," an exhibit that displays natural scenes from various vantage points. "Garden Perspectives" will be on display through September 5 at the Artists' Gallery at 32 Coryell Street in Lambertville. Gallery hours are Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 397-4588 or visit www.lambertvillearts.com.

ART

Philadelphia Exhibit Shows "Curiously Strong" Art

An exhibition of work by emerging artists at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts attempts to convey the diverse approaches to cutting-edge contemporary art practice. Sponsored by Altoids (yes, the mint-makers), the sixth annual "Curiously Strong Collection" represents 23 new works in a show curated by Alex Baker, curator of contemporary art at the Pennsylvania Academy.

Highlights of this year's collection include Conrad Baker's "Untitled (Exercise Bike)," a wood sculpture of a stationary 1970s exercise bike; Iona Rozeal Brown's "A3 Blackface #49," a painting that explores the cultural traffic between Japanese youth culture and American hip-hop; Joe Fig's "Sometimes I'm Afraid of Yellow, I" (Willem de Kooning 1984), a photograph of the miniature model he created of Willem de Kooning's art studio.

Other pieces include Mala Iqbal's "Shadows," a painting that is reminiscent of the artist's Staten Island neighborhood of her childhood, complete with suburban homes and graffiti, and, according to the artist, "filtered through a dream-like approach to landscape representation."

Among other artists featured are Philadelphia sculptor Paul Swenbeck, Clare Rojas, a former member of the Philadelphia collective Space 1026, and Monique van Genderen, whose work was exhibited in the Morris Gallery at PAFA in September 2003.

The show will run through this Sunday, August 15. For more information, call (215) 972-7600, or visit www.pafa.org.

ist Heather Pool Royal, will open Monday, August 20 and continue through October 15 at the Erdman Gallery of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Ms. Royal is the middle school art instructor at Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset, and has exhibited throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. She is a graduate of Smith College and of the Graduate School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania.

The artist said her paintings are about ideas, dialogues, space and time, and how they "intersect and collide with one another and form a singular complex and cogent thought."

The Erdman Art Gallery is located at 20 Library Place in Erdman Hall at the Center of Continuing Education at Princeton Theological Seminary. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information about the show or for gallery hours, call (609) 497-7990.



"2 x 2": This Clare Rojas gouache and latex on paper piece is currently appearing in the sixth annual "Curiously Strong Collection" at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia. The exhibit attempts to convey the diverse approaches to cutting-edge contemporary art practice.

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ARTIST AT WORK: Local artist Colleen Conrad does a watercolor in front of the Cranbury Station Gallery during the Sunset Art Walk on Palmer Square last Friday.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Rare Ancient Instruments Exhibited at University

"Music from the Land of the Jaguar," an exhibition of rare and musical instruments from the major cultures of the ancient Americas, is coming to a close. The show, which opened in April, will close on September 5.

The exhibit showcases instruments that flourished from 1000 B.C. to the beginning of the Spanish conquest in 1519 A.D., and is displayed in the pre-Columbian galleries of the Princeton University Art Museum.

Drawn primarily from the permanent collection, the exhibition will unite rare musical instruments with their depictions in different media, and explore the connections between musical and ritual iconography in ancient Mesoamerican art.

Archaeological finds attest to the great variety of instruments and forms of musical expression and dance in the Maya world, the Aztec territories, and the extensive Andean empire of the Inca. Sixteenth-century Spanish chroniclers in Mexico and Peru have left texts that vividly describe the musical instruments, singing, and dancing of the Aztec and Inca.

"It is clear from historical evidence that music and dance in the ancient cultures of the Americas were often closely linked to ritual and ceremony," said Gillett G. Griffin, faculty curator of pre-Columbian and Native American art, who developed the exhibition with John Burkhalter, musician and independent scholar.

"Music from the Land of the Jaguar" is the first exhibition to explore these connections in depth and present an extensive collection of musical



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instruments and imagery from numerous sculptures of Mexico and Central and South America.

Among the objects on view will be elegant polychromatic vessels from the Late Classic Maya period (a.d. 600-900) that depict musical activity in association with historical and supernatural events, as well as

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Ann Hampton Callaway To Perform at Peddie

The Community Arts Partnership at Peddie School (CAPPS) will begin its new season of "Light Sundays" with a performance by composer, singer, and pianist Ann Hampton Callaway on Sunday, September 19, at 2 p.m. in the school's Mount-Burke Theater.

A popular pop/jazz artist, Ms. Callaway received a Tony Award nomination for Best Featured Actress in a Musical for her work in the Broadway musical hit, *Swing!* She is perhaps best known by television audiences for her song *The Nonny Named Fran*, which she wrote and performed for the CBS television comedy hit, *The Nanny*. Her television credits have also included appearances on *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, *The Today Show*, CNN's *Larry King Live*, *The Charlie Rose Show*, and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

As a composer, Ms. Callaway wrote the song *At The Same Time*, which was recorded by Barbra Streisand for her CD, *Higher Ground*. The success of that album led Ms. Streisand to ask Ms. Callaway to write a new Christmas song. The result, *A Christmas Lullaby*, was recorded for Streisand's holiday CD, *Christmas Memories*.

Ms. Callaway has appeared with the Boston Pops at Symphony Hall, Tanglewood, and Carnegie Hall; sang with Peter Nero and the Philadelphia Pops at the Kimmel Center; and performed for President Clinton in Washington D.C. and for President Gorbachev's Youth Peace Summit in Moscow. She also appeared at this year's Edinburgh Festival in Scotland, at the Queen's Hall for the Jubilee Celebration.

A New York resident, Ms. Callaway is the daughter of Shirley Callaway, a prominent Broadway vocal coach, and John Callaway, a former CBS News correspondent and host of the PBS show, *Chicago Tonight*.

The Light Sundays Series will include the Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats on November 14, and *A Tribute to Stephane Grappelli* on April 17.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Pennington Players Presents Entertaining Production Of Beloved Musical at Washington Crossing Theatre

The musicals so far this summer at Washington Crossing's Open Air Theatre have been slightly off the beaten track, but Pennington Players has turned to an old standard for their two-week run. On the surface, there may seem to be little that one can do to unhinge Rodgers & Hammerstein's *South Pacific*, and the current Pennington Players production certainly covers all the bases adequately. However, what really sets productions of this musical apart is capturing the nuances underlying the rather basic story and the appealing songs.

South Pacific was premiered in 1949 and is part of a trilogy of Rodgers & Hammerstein musicals based on a similar premise. *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, and *The Sound of Music* all center on a dispirited widower whose heart is melted by a chipper young waif deposited by circumstances in a strange environment. In the case of *South Pacific*, the plot is interwoven with holdover World War II prejudices which may be hard for today's audiences to fathom, but which form the root

of the show's tension and conflict. Attention to these dramatic details is what raises *South Pacific* productions from the basically entertaining production of Pennington Players to being truly exceptional.

Friday night's performance (the show opened on Thursday night) demonstrated from the outset that this play is especially well-suited for the Open Air Theatre. Pete LaBriola's standing set included many tropical-looking plants and seemed to grow naturally from the woods behind and surrounding the stage.

Music Director Lou Woodruff also made it clear from the beginning that he was not wasting any time with tempi. *South Pacific* begins with a typical 1940s Broadway overture which insists on presenting all the tunes of the show. Mr. Woodruff, with his crisp pit orchestra, kept the tempi moving in both the overture and songs, especially moving the second acts songs so quickly that the singers almost could not keep up.

South Pacific revolves around the principal couple of Nellie Forbush and Emile de Becque, played by Joanna Woodruff and John Kling. Like the *King of Siam* and *Captain von Trapp* characters which

followed in later Rodgers & Hammerstein musicals, de Becque's arrogant exterior hides an ultimately unhappy man whose spirit is brought back to life by a chipper female lead character. Mr. Kling had no trouble with the songs, which fit well into his voice, but his character did not display enough of the rough edges to show the impact of Nellie as she enraptures him. In this portrayal, de Becque is a little too willing to help the American soldiers, and the sense of racial conflict over bringing his children to his new relationship could have been stronger.

As Nellie, Joanna Woodruff was endlessly perky and sang with a lot of energy and clarity. Ms. Woodruff also displayed an appropriate amount of innocence about being relocated to this foreign land, and interacted well with the nurses in the ensemble scenes.

The best voice of the evening belonged to James Petro, portraying Lt. Joseph Cable. Although the Open Air Theatre sound system made his top register sound a little blasty at times, Mr. Petro sang clearly through very brisk tem-

pi, and his light tenor voice matched his naive character. Mr. Petro's character was joined in his quest for true love by an effervescent and sassy Bloody Mary, played by Cheryl Kurtz Mills.

Music Director Woodruff and vocal Director John Kling have trained an impressive group of sailors and marines who sing some of the most memorable numbers in the show. Nicole Farina's choreography was visually appealing when paired with the colorful costumes designed by the mother/daughter team of Adrienne and Sharon Kubiak. The children in the cast fit in well with the rest of the characters, especially Rebecca Gerecke and Isaiah Jaron Davis, whose French pronunciation was impressive.

Despite a few dramatic nuances which perhaps cannot be accommodated in an outdoor production, Director Tom Bessellieu has created a show whose memorable tunes cannot be beat on a summer night. As the show moves into its second week, it will no doubt continue to entertain the audiences coming to the Open Air Theatre for a song they can hum along with.

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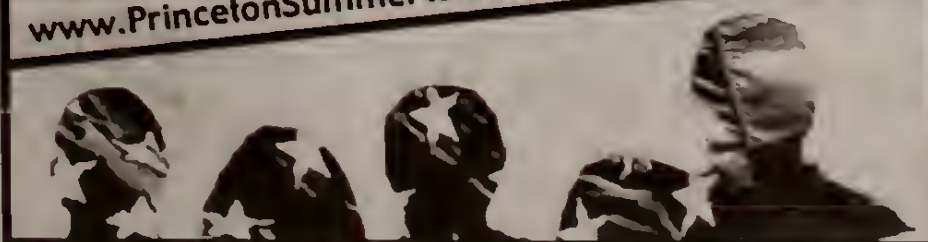
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Choir College Schedules October Brahms Festival

Westminster Choir College has announced that it plans a four-day festival in October exploring the world and music of the composer Johannes Brahms. Titled *Johannes Brahms: His Music and His World*, the festival will be presented from Thursday, October 21 to Sunday, October 24 in conjunction with the Westminster Symphonic Choir's fall performances of Brahms' *Requiem* with the New Jersey Symphony and the Dresden Philharmonic.

The event will begin on October 21 with an 8 p.m. performance of works for voice and piano featuring Westminster students at Rider University's Gill Chapel in Lawrenceville. Admission is free. The program will be preceded by a lecture by Lindsey Christiansen, professor of voice, and Dr. Barry B. Seldes, professor of political science at Rider, at 7 p.m.

A program of German requiems before Brahms will be presented on Friday, October 22 at 8 p.m. conducted by Andrew Megill. It will include a pre-performance lecture, "German Funeral Music in the Protestant Tradition," by Dr. Robin A. Leaver, professor of sacred music, at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, October 23, seminars focusing on the music of Brahms and his world will be presented throughout the day. Participants may choose among three presentations on piano, voice, and choral. An opening plenary session at 9 a.m. will explore "Musical Expression and Political Culture of Brahms' Vienna." Speakers will be Mr. Christiansen and Dr. Seldes.

At 1 p.m., Phyllis Alpert Lehrer, professor of piano, will present "Chamber Works for Piano and Instruments."

At 3 p.m., Styra Avins, author of *Johannes Brahms: Life and Letters*, will present the closing plenary session.

The Saturday schedule will conclude with a recital at 8 p.m. of "Choral and Chamber Masterworks" featuring the Westminster Choir under the baton of Joseph Flummerfelt.

"Brahms Liederabend" will conclude the festival on Sunday, October 24 at 3 p.m., with a selection of songs for solo voices and piano four hands. The soloists will be Sally Wolf, soprano; Laura Brooks Rice, mezzo-soprano; Matthew Polenzani, tenor; and Elem Eley, baritone. Dalton Baldwin and J.J. Penna will be the pianists.

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The Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School (CAPPS) in Hightstown has announced its upcoming season of events, which will include a wide range of concerts, theatrical presentations, gallery exhibitions, and educational outreach events.

Highlights of the 2004-2005 season include the Signature Series, which will feature the mother-daughter duo of flutist Eugenia Zukerman and soprano Arianna Zukerman on October 2, the Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio on February 26, pianist Yujia Wang on April 2, and the Turtle Island String Quartet on May 21.

The popular Jazz Fridays Series will present Kurt Elling on October 8, the Steve Turre Quartet on December 3, the Brazilian duo Mariano and guitarist Romero

Lubambo on March 4, and vocalist Kate McGarry Trio on April 8.

The Light Sundays matinee series will open with the vocalist, pianist, and songwriter Ann Hampton Callaway on September 19. The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats will follow on November 14, then A Tribute to Stephane Gropelli on April 17 featuring fiddle-head jazz players Randy Sabien and Brian Q. Torff.

The Mariboe Gallery Series will present exhibits by Peddie Arts Faculty members Timothy Trelease from September 17 to October 9, Michael Max- cerns from October 15 to November 6, Kym Kulp from January 14 to January 28, and Catherine Robohm Watkins from February 4 to February 18. The work of Ross Bleckner will be exhibited from April 1 to April 15. The Gallery also plans an open man on October 2, the exhibition of local artist on December 10.

The Dramatists Workshop Series will present staged readings of new works by New Jersey playwrights. On September 22, there will be readings of *Creation*, by Jeffrey Ford of Medford Lakes, and *Some Time Off* by David Occhino of Verona. On October 13, a reading of *Three Women*, a play by Hightstown author Sandra Rae Johnson, will be presented. The author Paul Watkins will read from his recent work on April 13. All of the readings are free to the public.

CAPPS will also host a residency with Grammy-Award winning artist, saxophonist and composer Paul Winter, culminating in a performance titled *A Celebration of the Earth on Earth Day*, April 22, by the Paul Winter Consort.

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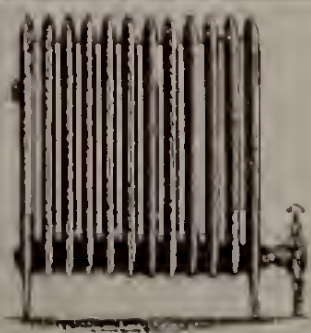
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THEATER REVIEW

Princeton Summer Theater Presents A.R. Gurney's WASP World In Tragi-Comic Ensemble Piece, "Scenes From American Life"

A grandmother ("Granny") sits between her two grandchildren in the back seat (represented by three chairs) of the Pierce Arrow. Edward, the chauffeur, is driving them to see the swans. It's Buffalo, New York in the 1930s. The children's parents are away in Bermuda. Granny discusses the prune whip that her cook is preparing them for lunch and the play starring Katharine Cornell that they will be going to see that afternoon. Granny warns the children about dirty fingernails, fingers in noses and disrespect for "darkies." As the children watch the beautiful swans, the grandmother tells the story of the swan princess who must never go on dry land, but must stay in the middle of the lake all her life "because that is where swans belong."

The more than 100 characters — played by just eight actors in 34 different scenes spanning the middle decades of the twentieth century — in A. R. Gurney's *Scenes from American Life* are, like those swans, a rarefied breed. Traditions loom large with these Eastern establishment WASPS. Change is the enemy, and adaptability does not register on their list of virtues.

Currently playing at Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus in Princeton Summer Theater's final offering of the 2004 season, *Scenes from American Life* depicts a world of exclusive old country clubs and cocktails parties, of prep schools and dancing schools, deferential servants, proper manners and powerful old-boy networks, along with both blatant and subtle hypocrisy, sexism, racism and anti-Semitism.

Scenes from American Life (1970), one of Mr. Gurney's earliest plays, uses somewhat untraditional means to provide its glimpses of this tradition-bound world. As the play jumps backwards and forwards in time from the 1930s to World War II, through the '50s, into the upheavals of the 1960s and beyond into an imagined apocalyptic decade of the '70s, there are recurrent themes and characters who reappear, but little in the way of coherent plot or character development. The versatile actors all play multiple roles in this story of many different families, and most sets and props in these shifting scenes are mimed rather than literally represented. In both form and content, *Scenes* resembles Mr. Gurney's breakthrough play and biggest hit, *The Dining Room*, which appeared twelve years later in 1982. (Mr. Gurney was busy raising a family and teaching English at M.I.T. in the intervening years.)

Both *Scenes from American Life* and *The Dining Room* provide exquisite examples of Mr. Gurney's superb ear for dialogue and his unparalleled understanding of the fascinating slice of American life that wielded so much power and influence in our society for so long. *Scenes* does, however, fall short of Mr. Gurney's more mature work in its loose structure. It lacks the focal point and the coherence that the dining room table, for example, seems to provide. Also, Mr. Gurney is on less solid ground here when he is speculating on — and over-reacting to — the threats of repression and social upheaval in the upcoming '70s than he is when depicting the decades he had just lived through: the '30s, '40s, '50s, and '60s. Mr. Gurney's cultural observations prove far more accurate than his political prognostications, though the "futuristic" scenes in the play may provide occasional resonance for contemporary audiences, living with terrorist threats and an unpopular war.

Under the direction of Princeton University sophomore Marisol Rosa-Shapiro, the small, tightly knit Princeton Summer Theater ensemble displays impressive energy, versatility and talent, as it has displayed throughout this summer's four

productions, in presenting a complex array of sophisticated dramatic material. Erica Schlegel on piano provides background and transitions and sets the scene with a rich panoply of popular, patriotic and religious tunes, as the eight performers take on the challenges of formidable character stretches, from children to grandparents, from servants to aristocrats, from 1930s to 1970s.



WASPS UNDER PRESSURE: Princeton Summer Theater wraps up its 2004 season with a production of A.R. Gurney's *Scenes from American Life*, presenting, in 34 scenes, the world of upper class Buffalo, New York through the middle decades of the twentieth century. The youthful cast includes (from left): Nicole Kontolefa, Theodore Hall, Marisol Rosa-Shapiro, Jed Peterson, Anissa Naouai, Christine Scarfuto, Jonathan Elliott and Rob Walsh.

The action moves rapidly and smoothly from scene to scene, and the cast is consistently focused and adept in characterization and delivery. Jed Peterson as the patrician WASP presiding over family rituals at the dinner table and elsewhere, or warning his grandson not to stammer, or teaching his son to keep his promise, or letting down his façade for a rare moment in refusing to contribute to the Yale alumni fund is especially strong, clear, convincing and memorable; as is Nicole Kontolefa as the family matriarch passing on the WASP doctrine, or the leader of an ill-fated '60s "encounter" group, or the intoxicated aunt at the christening, or the hypocritical mother engaged in a serious mother-daughter talk about debutante parties and college over lunch at an exclusive

New York City restaurant.

Mr. Peterson and Ms. Kontolefa are both masterful in capturing the mannerisms, the vocal inflections, and the detailed behaviors that vividly delineate these, and other, cleverly conceived characters. The other members of this hard working cast — Jonathan Elliott, Theodore Hall, Anissa Naouai, Ms. Rosa-Shapiro, Christine Scarfuto, and Rob Walsh, a dynamic mix of students from Princeton University, College of New Jersey and Moscow Art Theatre School — also prove highly proficient in taking on multiple roles and responsibilities.

David Bengali's simple lighting and set — a table, chairs, a two-part wheeling staircase with an American flag painted on one side and a hedge row in the background — admirably and efficiently serve the fluid action and tone of the play. Ms. Kontolefa's costumes — khaki pants and white shirts for the four men, brown skirts and white blouses for the ladies, with accoutrements added as needed for particular characters in particular scenes — maintain the simplicity in tone, and keep the focus on the actors' virtuosity and the audience's imagination.

This Gurney style works for the most part, and rewards audiences with many moments of amusement, nostalgia, and astute social commentary. I would offer just two suggestions to Ms. Rosa-Shapiro and company in bringing greater clarity to this sometimes confusing play and breathing life into this peculiar, almost extinct world: 1) Make sure all the dialogue, especially as the settings and characters change almost minute-by-minute, is loud and clear; and 2) despite the wonderfully successful minimalist approach, do provide your actors with a few more props and costume pieces and a bit more detailed practice with the miming to help them create the realities of these idiosyncratic characters and situations.

Though *Scenes from American Life*, focusing entirely on that tradition-bound WASP world of the past and its conflicts with the realities of changing times, presents a somewhat narrow view of American life, Mr. Gurney's 1970 play will resonate with many, depending on their ages, and bring back memories of parents and grandparents and rituals of a bygone era. "I grew up in a world riddled with rules and regulations, and most of what I write deals with challenges to these inhibitions," declared Mr. Gurney, who at age 73 had two successful new plays — Mrs. Farnsworth, starring Sigourney Weaver and John Lithgow, and *Big Bill*, about the tennis great Bill Tilden — running in New York this past spring. "I like to write about how that sense of tradition has been challenged. I write plays about how these two worlds clash and interact." —Donald Gilpin

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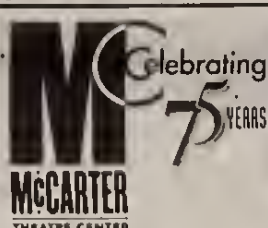
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2. THEM:

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3. YOU:

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CINEMA REVIEW

"Maria, Full of Grace"

Danger, Drugs and Drama in Colombian Coming-of-Age Cautionary Tale

Maria (Catalina Sandino Moreno) is an attractive 17 year-old who lives with several generations of relatives in an overcrowded concrete house located on the outskirts of Bogota. Though the ambitious young girl is bristling with all the energy of a soul in the bloom of youth, she doesn't get a chance to pursue her dreams.

She's stuck in a mindless dead-end job picking thorns off roses on a flower plantation with a boss who's only interested in exploiting his employees. Maria's paycheck goes to supporting the extended family which limits her chances of expanding her horizons.

After she becomes pregnant by Juan (Wilson Guerrero), a co-worker, Maria realizes that she is in the same predicament as her sister. Rather than await her fate as an unwed mother, she agrees to smuggle heroin into America for the big payday promised by Franklin (John Alex Toro), a self-assured drug dealer.

This is the point of departure of *Maria, Full of Grace*, a harrowing tale which graphically illustrates how this illicit international trade operates. The movie represents a sensational directorial debut for Joshua

Marston, who captured his subject-matter effectively.

We witness Maria and her fellow female mules swallowing dozens of thumb-sized latex condoms before they board a plane bound for New York City. En route, one woman gets sick when one of the deadly rubbers ruptures inside of her. Maria has her own crisis when she defecates and discovers that the drugs she swallowed are emerging too soon.

The situation gets worse when they arrive, because each mule is on her own in the struggle to clear customs and evade the authorities on the way to their appointed rendezvous. Maria finds herself bouncing around the ugly underbelly of



IT'S A LOT TO SWALLOW: Maria (Catalina Sandino Moreno) is contemplating the wisdom of her decision to act as a drug "mule" in order to earn enough money to extricate herself from the problems she is facing as a pregnant single woman in Bogota.

(Photo by Christobel Corral Vega, © HBO Films, Fine Line Features)

a totally unfamiliar city, and regretting that she got herself mixed-up in this mess.

This is not a film for the weak of stomach because the unblinking eye of the camera lingers on every tawdry moment. However, between its taut, convincing script and Ms. Moreno's Oscar-quality performance, this movie grabs you by the throat from the start and never lets go.

Excellent (★★★★). Rated R for teen sexuality, drug use, gory violence, expletives, and adult subject matter. In Spanish with subtitles.

—Kam Williams



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Before Sunset (R for expletives and sexual references). Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy both reprise their roles in this sequel to *Before Sunrise* (1995). Again directed by Richard Linklater, this philosophical drama has the now-married American author (Hawke) on a book tour in Paris where he re-encounters the French environmental activist (Delpy) he'd spent a stimulating day with some nine years earlier.

The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13 for violence, intense action and some profanity). Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Julia Stiles and Brian Cox return for a sequel to *The Bourne Identity*. This international espionage thriller, based on the 2nd installment in the best-selling Robert Ludlum trilogy, has hero Bourne (Damon) forced out of retirement to defuse a diplomatic crisis after he is implicated in an assassination.

Catwoman (PG-13 for action violence and sensuality). Halle Berry handles the title role in this spin-off of the Batman villainess once-played on the big screen by Michelle Pfeiffer and in the TV series by Julie Newmar, Eartha Kitt, and Lee Meriwether. Here, the character is a woman transformed by an industrial cosmetics accident into a super-human feline walking the fine line between good and evil.

A Cinderella Story (PG for sexual innuendo and mild epithets). Familiar fable is updated in present-day L.A. with Hilary Duff as an orphan exploited by a wicked step-mother (Jennifer Coolidge), who gets saved at a high school Halloween dance by the princely charmer (Michael Murray) she's been corresponding with over the Internet.

The Clearing (R for profanity). Psychological crime drama with Helen Mirren as a distraught wife delivering the ransom to free her executive husband (Robert Redford) kidnapped by a disgruntled employee (Willem Dafoe).

Collateral (R for violence and profanity). Michael Mann directs this crime thriller about a cabbie (Jamie Foxx) who doesn't know that the customer (Tom Cruise) he's been driving around all day is a contract killer.

De-Lovely (PG-13 for sex content). Kevin Kline stars in this musical biography of composer Cole Porter which examines both the professional and unorthodox private life of the celebrated gay songwriter, who barely hid his homosexuality by marrying a sympathetic socialite (Ashley Judd).

The Door in the Floor (R for profanity and graphic sexuality). Jeff Bridges and Kim Basinger star in this adaptation of the John Irving novel, *A Widow for One Year*, a grim drama, set in the Fifties, about the marital woes visited upon an upscale couple from the Hamptons after both their teenage sons die in a freak car accident.

Facing Windows (R for profanity and sexuality). Soap opera about a jaded 29-year-old married woman who divides her time between caring for a Holocaust survivor with Alzheimer's and fantasizing about the attractive hunk who lives in the adjoining apartment building. In Italian with subtitles.

Fahrenheit 9/11 (R for profanity, violence, and disturbing images). Oscar-winner Michael Moore's controversial documentary damning the Bush administration's handling of the war on terror.

Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle (R for crude humor, drug use, sex, and expletives). Road movie about a couple of roommates, one Korean, the other Indian, on a life-transforming journey around New Jersey in search of the home of the world's tiniest hamburger.

I, Robot (PG-13 for stylized action and brief nudity). Sci-fi thriller, set in 2035, stars Will Smith as a Chicago cop assisted by a cyborg psychologist (Bridget Moynahan) trying to understand why robots have taken to killing humans.

Little Black Book (PG-13 for profanity, sexual content and off-color humor). A romantic comedy with Brittany Murphy as a snoop who sneaks into her boyfriend's Palm Pilot to contact his exes to determine whether he'll ever get over his fear of commitment.

The Manchurian Candidate (R for violence and profanity). Denzel Washington stars in this remake of the 1962 political potboiler about a brainwashed former prisoner-of-war who returns to America unknowingly programmed by the enemy. With Meryl Streep, Jon Voight, Bill Irwin, BeBe Winans, Obba Babatundé, and Al Franken.

Maria, Full of Grace (R for drug use, graphic images, and profanity). Harrowing tale about a pregnant, 17 year-old, Colombian peasant who agrees to smuggle heroin into the U.S. for a vicious kingpin in return for a big payday. In Spanish with subtitles.

The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G). Sequel to Disney's surprise hit of the summer of 2001 has San Francisco ugly duckling-turned-European royalty now in the mythical country of Genovia where she learns that she must marry in 30 days or lose the crown. Anne Hathaway, Julie Andrews, Hector Elizondo, Heather Matarazzo, Larry Miller, and Katherine Marshall reprise their roles.

Spider-Man 2 (PG-13 for stylized action violence). Tobey Maguire reprises his title role as Marvel Comics' Superhero, this time to save the planet from the dastardly designs of a mad scientist known as Dr. Octopus (Alfred Molina). Also returning are Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Ted Raimi, Elizabeth Banks, and Bruce Campbell.

Thunderbirds (PG for intense action sequences and epithets). Live-action adaptation of the British TV series from the sixties which relied on marionettes, models, and special effects. Set in 2065, this full-length feature stars Bill Paxton, as an ex-astronaut, heading an international rescue team comprised of himself and his five sons.

The Village (PG-13 for frightening situations and violence). Another creepy feature from M. Night Shyamalan set in Pennsylvania. This tale takes place in 1897 in a tiny town with a population of 60 surrounded by mythical creatures who live in the woods.

Yu-Gi-Oh! (PG for scary combat and monster images). This full-length animated sci-fi feature, based on the Japanese, kiddie TV-series, revolves around the exploits of a teenager boy who inadvertently awakens Anubis, an ancient, evil Egyptian spirit bent on world domination.

— Kam Williams

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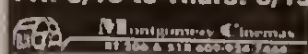
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Sports

Tiger Fencer Thompson Has Gone the Extra Mile In Journey to Athens Summer Olympic Games

When it comes to improving his fencing skills, Soren Thompson certainly isn't afraid to go the extra mile to get better.

As a teenager growing up in San Diego, Thompson travelled up the coast to Los Angeles twice a week to seek out the best coaching and competition.

After rising through the ranks and making the U.S. national team in the epee, Thompson headed east to train in New York City, known as a hotbed of the sport due to its concentration of elite fencing clubs.

In 2000, Thompson, whose urge to excel extends to academics, got accepted at Princeton and decided to come to New Jersey to continue his educational and athletic development.

Thompson made an impact for the Tigers, helping the squad to a sixth place finish in the NCAA Championships in 2003. On the international stage, Thompson made a key breakthrough later that year as he finished eighth in the epee at the World Championships, the highest finish for an American man in the event in many years.

Focusing on his goal of making the U.S. national team and qualifying for the 2004 Olympics, Thompson deferred his senior season at Princeton for a year and spent much of early 2004 competing at tournaments across Europe in order to achieve the individual and team rankings necessary to make it to the Athens Summer Games.

Having achieved that goal this spring, Thompson is making the sweetest journey of his fencing career this week as he heads to Athens to compete in the epee event at the Olympics.

While Thompson is realistic about his prospects heading into the games, he is people who were older and I got good

determined to reach new heights. "I'm ranked 26th in the world so I'm not a favorite," said Thompson. "The epee is such an unpredictable weapon, anything can happen. If I have another day like I did when I finished eighth in the worlds anything can happen. It's important to be in the correct mental state."

Achieving that kind of focus has come naturally to Thompson in epee, a discipline that features a weapon that has a stiff blade and a triangular cross section with touches being scored by the weapon's point anywhere on the body.

"I've always loved the individual aspect of the sport," said Thompson, who took up fencing as a seven-year-old through a recreation class in the sport at the University of California at San Diego. "I loved learning the technique. It's a lot different than the other sports I have played. I really loved it, I did it for years before I started competing."

Once Thompson began competing, it quickly became apparent that he had a special knack for the sport. He finished 6th at the junior Olympics in the under-13 classification. Thompson made the U.S. national

team for the 1998 World Championships just before he turned 17.

In Thompson's view, a key factor

in his meteoric rise through the fencing ranks was his weekly forays to L.A. "In San Diego, the sport was small, there weren't too many people to go against," recalled Thompson, who competed in both foil and epee before deciding to specialize in the latter weapon when he made the 1998 U.S. national team.

"I went up to L.A. twice a week through high school. I was lucky, there were a lot of people who were older and I got good

bouts. That really helped me."

Another move that helped Thompson was coming to Princeton. "That was a definite change for someone from the West Coast," said Thompson, who is looking forward to coming back to college this fall. "I've enjoyed being on the Princeton team. I knew it wasn't going to be as difficult as international competition but I knew it could be really good training if I went into it with the right mindset."

Thompson and his teammates have done everything possible to develop the right mindset as they went through a training camp in San Francisco during the last week of July and the first week of August.

"We've been working five hours everyday," explained Thompson, who estimates that he travelled in 20 countries in the first three months of 2004 as he worked to improve his ranking through competing in one international competition after the other. "We're doing a variety of things like sports psychology, strategizing, straight team work, and simulated matches."

Thompson, for his part, believes that he and the U.S. fencing contingent will be ready when it counts most.

"For the whole team, having the experience over the last two years has made us a lot more professional," asserted Thompson. "It'll be more pressure than we've ever faced but I think we're ready for the pressure."

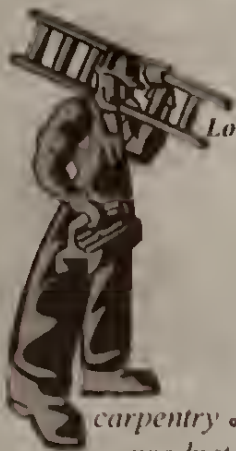
With the many miles that Thompson has travelled in his fencing career, it appears that he is poised to shine at the ultimate stop of his journey.

—Bill Alden



ON GUARD: Princeton University fencer Soren Thompson takes a break in a bout during his 2002-03 season with the Tigers. Thompson will be competing in the Athens Summer Olympics next week before returning to Princeton for his senior year.

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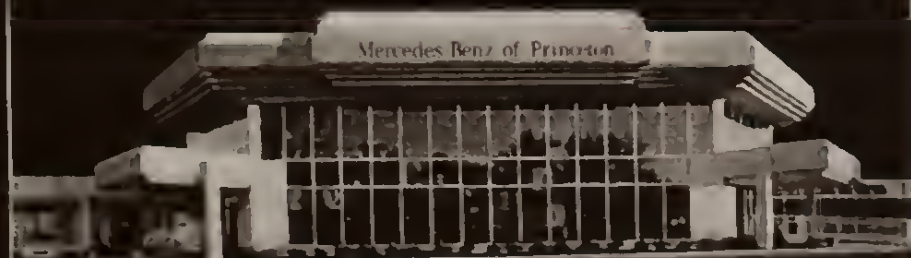
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FAMILY AFFAIR: Former Princeton University rowing star Danika (Harris) Holbrook, shown here in her official photo for the U.S. national team, will be competing at the Athens Summer Olympics next week. Holbrook, a 1995 Princeton graduate, took a six-year hiatus from the sport before making the U.S. quadruple scull team for the Games. Her husband, Ben Holbrook, a Brown alum, is rowing on the U.S. men's quadruple scull at the Athens Games.

(Photo courtesy of USRowing)

Holbrook's Second Act in Rowing Turns into Olympic Family Affair

By the time Danika Harris graduated from Princeton University in 1995, she had accomplished just about everything she could in the sport of rowing.

As a collegiate performer, she had helped lead the Tigers' top open crew to NCAA titles in 1994 and 1995.

On the national scene, she had won a gold medal in the lightweight eight and lightweight four at the 1995 USRowing National Championships.

Internationally, Harris had won a gold medal in the lightweight four at the 1994 FISA World Championships.

Deciding that she needed a break from the sport she had taken up as a 10-year-old growing up in New Hampshire, Harris retired from competitive rowing and moved to California to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry.

But in 2000, while watching the Sydney Olympics with her boyfriend and husband-to-be, Ben Holbrook, himself a national-class rower, Harris caught the rowing bug again.

Resolving to resume rowing in order to compete in the 2004 Olympics, Harris called the U.S. women's national coach Tom Terhaar, who told her that she had to move back east to train with the Princeton Training Center if she was to have any chance of realizing that ambition.

Harris returned to her old stomping ground in 2001 with Holbrook and their shared Olympic dream but with no job or place to stay. The couple stayed in a spare room in

a friend's house but quickly found an apartment and work.

Once settled, Harris focused on making the quadruple scull, the discipline of the sport in which the rowers use two oars. After some setbacks, Harris gradually worked her way into the national team.

She and Holbrook married last September and then this July, their gamble paid off as they were both named to the U.S. Olympic team.

As Mrs. Holbrook prepared to head to Athens, she maintained that her move back east really involved little risk.

"I was in it for the fun of it," said Holbrook. "I didn't know whether I could make it, I just wanted to take it one step at a time. I had no idea what my potential would be as a heavy-weight sculler."

In fact, Holbrook didn't make the final cut for the quadruple scull in 2002. She responded by winning the single sculls at the 2002 USRowing National Team Trials and was later invited to join the top quadruple scull.

"I was just pleased making that far," acknowledged Holbrook, who went on to help her boat finish sixth in the FISA World Championships in 2003 and earn the bronze at the 2004 BearingPoint World Cup stop at Lucerne. "I no longer felt like an underdog. It certainly gave me confidence."

Holbrook developed plenty of confidence in her rowing during her college career at Princeton. "I loved the coaches, I loved my teammates," declared Holbrook as she

reflected on her years with the Tiger program.

"The races were a blast. I'm still fantastic friends with many of the girls I rowed with at Princeton. There was just an amazing camaraderie in college, unlike anything I had seen before or since."

Of course, these days, Holbrook has a special camaraderie at home as she and her husband share the honor of making it to the same Olympics.

"It's an incredible support system having your husband going through the same thing that you are going through," said Holbrook of her husband, who rowed at Brown and will be rowing in the men's quadruple sculls in Athens. "It's support that you can't replicate. It's such a treat for both of us to get this opportunity together."

Holbrook has needed that support as she has put in grueling training over the latter part of July. "The last three weeks have been really tough, we been doing the last push to get our base established," explained Holbrook, who said the team had been undergoing three-a-day training sessions

at its base at the Mercer County Park boathouse.

"After we get to Athens to get processed, we'll head to Bulgaria for training camp. We'll do a whole bunch of pieces at race pace."

In Holbrook's view, that work will pay dividends. "I think we have a definite chance to medal," asserted Holbrook. "If we have the race of our lives, we could pull out a pretty incredible performance. I'm very excited."

For Holbrook, the resumption of her rowing career has already been an incredible journey no matter how things turn out in Athens.

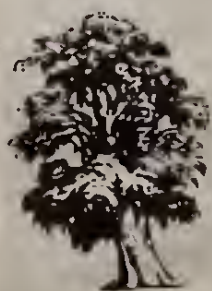
"I've had so much fun over the last three years," declared Holbrook, who said she and her husband plan to move to Wisconsin after the Olympics where she will go to grad school for sports nutrition.

"If I had stopped having fun, I would have given this up. There have been some hard days but I've been able to work through that."

And in so doing, Holbrook has shown that a second act of a sports career can carry special rewards.

—Bill Alden

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Princeton's Valdivieso Comes Full Circle By Making it Back to Summer Olympics

Before matriculating to Princeton University in the fall of 2000, Juan Valdivieso took care of some business in Australia as he swam for Peru in the Sydney Summer Olympics.

Next week, Valdivieso's swimming career will come full circle when he competes for Peru at the Athens Games in what will likely be the last swimming competition of his life.

The dual citizen of Peru and the U.S., who grew up in Bethesda, Md. and graduated from Princeton this past June, has long envisioned that his college swimming career would have such a symmetry.

"I had always wanted to start and end my college experience with an Olympic Games," said Valdivieso, who

helped lead the Tigers to the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League (EISL) championship last winter, the program's second EISL title in the last three years. "I had always wanted my last swim to be at the Olympics. It is a great honor and opportunity."

Acknowledging that he was a bit overwhelmed in Sydney, Valdivieso believes that he will be better able to tune out the distractions that come with the Olympics when he hits the water in Athens.

"In Sydney I was in awe of the spectacle," said Valdivieso, who has qualified to swim the 100-meter and 200-meter butterfly events in Athens. "This time around, I feel like it's just like any other swim meet. It definitely helps

to go to Athens knowing more or less what to expect in terms of the Olympic Village, the competition venue, and the crowds."

In order to put less pressure on himself this time around, Valdivieso decided not to make swimming his sole focus in the year leading up to the Games.

"Before Sydney I took a whole year to train and then I had a month-long training camp before my race," explained Valdivieso, who was eliminated in the 200 fly in the preliminary rounds of the 2000 competition.

"The result, in terms of my swimming, was disappointing. I decided this time around that I would do what had worked so well the last four years — stay relaxed and stay happy. I came to the conclusion that the training camp for 2000 made me more nervous and kept me away from my family and friends."

While the genial Valdivieso may be taking a more balanced approach in his Olympic build-up, that doesn't mean that he hasn't put in countless hours in the pool and weightroom.

"At the peak of my training in June, I was swimming 10 sessions a week of 2.5 hours and doing three weightlifting sessions a week," explained the 6'3, 170-pound Valdivieso, who has been training this summer in Washington D.C. with his longtime club team, Curl-Burke. "I was averaging between 75,000 and 90,000 meters of swimming a week."

With that kind of training and the experience of one Olympics under his belt, Valdivieso has high hopes coming into Athens.

"In Sydney, making the semifinals was quite a long shot, this time around it's a realistic goal," maintained Valdivieso, who recently finished fifth in the U.S. Nationals in the 200 fly and has a personal best of 1:59.87 in that event.

"I have to have my best performance in the heats in order to qualify for the semifinals but competing in events such as the Pan Pacific Championships 2002 and the World Championships in 2003 has helped me gain experience in highly competitive international competitions."

For Valdivieso, competing at the international level in athletics runs in the family as his grandfather, Juan Valdivieso, was a goalkeeper for Peru's national soccer team in the 1930 World Cup and the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

"Growing up I was always inspired by his athletic success and looking at all of his pictures from those days inspired



JUAN TO WATCH: Former Princeton University swimming star Juan Valdivieso flies through the water in a race last winter for the Tigers. Next week, Valdivieso will compete for Peru in the 100-meter and 200-meter butterfly events at the Athens Summer Olympics. This will be Valdivieso's second appearance in the Olympics as he swam for Peru in the 2000 Games in Sydney before matriculating to Princeton.

(Photo courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)

me to be an Olympian too," recalled Valdivieso, who is ranked in the top ten all-time at Princeton in the 200 fly, the 1000 freestyle, and the 500 free. "His role in Peruvian athletics was probably the major factor behind my choice to also represent Peru."

When Valdivieso settles into the starting block at the Athens pool, he will also be representing Princeton. "I know that everything I do, especially in the athletic arena, reflects on Princeton," added Valdivieso, an Academic All-American who studied Public

and International Affairs at Princeton and plans to go to law school or grad school in public policy and public administration.

"In that respect, I hope that my performance can make my Princeton family proud and bring international exposure to the swim program. Being at Princeton was like being at the Olympics everyday. All of my classmates were interesting and impressive in their own way so that taught me to be humble. The pride and joy I felt upon graduating will carry over into my excitement for the Games."

Valdivieso has certainly been a major source of pride over the last four years for both Peru and Princeton.

—Bill Alden



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Tiger Athletes Competing in Athens Will Add to Princeton's Olympic Lore

Robert Garrett, Jr., of the Olympics didn't start until Princeton University's Class of 1897, emerged as one of the top performers when the first modern Olympics were held in 1896 in Athens.

The versatile Garrett won the shot put and discus throw events and placed second in both the long jump and high jump. (The awarding of gold, silver, and bronze medals at

ing history as he is the first Princeton male athlete to earn a spot on the U.S. men's Olympic track squad since shotputter Augie Wolf '83 made it to the 1984 Los Angeles summer games.

If Harris gets a medal he will be the first Princeton track athlete to do so since Lynn Jennings took bronze in the 10,000-meter run in 1992 at Barcelona. No male Princeton athlete has placed in the top three in track at the Olympics since 1904 when William Coe was second in the shot put, John DeWitt was second in the hammer throw, and G.P. Serviss was second in the high jump.

In recent years, the Tigers have seen their biggest medal haul at the Summer Olympics come in the sport of rowing.

Mike Evans '81 took gold for Canada in 1984, Anne Marden '81 took silver in 1984 in the quad and silver in the single at the Seoul Games in 1988, while Doug Burden '88 took bronze in the men's eight in 1988.

This year, Princeton will be sending a big crew contingent for the U.S. to Athens as Danika Holbrook '95 will compete in the women's quadruple sculls, Lianne Nelson '95 will row in the women's eight, Paul Teti will row in the men's lightweight four, and Chris Ahrens '01 will pull for the men's eight. In addition Thomas Herschmiller '01 will row for Canada's coxless four while Andreanna Morin '05 will compete for Canada in the women's eight.

In addition, Mike Teti, the men's freshman coach at Princeton from 1989-1996, is the men's head coach for the U.S. rowing team at the Olympics. Current Princeton women's open coach, Lori Dauphiny, is coaching the U.S. women's pair at Athens.

Swimmer Juan Valdivieso '04 has some good Tiger role models to emulate as he competes for Peru in the Athens

Games. Nelson Diebel '94 took gold in the 100-meter breaststroke and in the 400 medley relay at the Barcelona Games in 1992 while Jed Graef set a world record in winning the 200-breaststroke in the 1964 Games in Tokyo.

Princeton will also be represented in the sport of fencing as Soren Thompson '05 will compete in the men's epee while Kamara James made the U.S. squad in the women's epee. Either Thompson or Cara would be happy to match the feat of Henry Breckinridge who earned a bronze at the 1920 Antwerp Summer Games for the U.S. foil team.

Tanya Kalivas '01 is playing for the Greek women's soccer team in Athens and would undoubtedly like a shot at legendary Mia Hamm and her U.S. teammates.

One of Princeton's most legendary athletes, Bill Bradley '65, produced one of the highlights of his storied basketball career in 1964 when he won a gold medal as a member of the U.S. men's basketball team.

While no current Princeton athlete is likely to reach the heights of Bradley, the Tigers competing in Athens will undoubtedly add another rich chapter to the school's storied Olympic tradition.

—Bill Alden



GOLDEN MOMENT: Princeton University swimming great Nelson Diebel displays one of the gold medals he won at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992. Diebel, a 1994 Princeton graduate, took gold in the 100-meter breaststroke and in the 400 medley relay at the Barcelona Games.

(Photo courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)



GREEK REVIVAL: Former Princeton University high jump star Tora Harris is all smiles in a team shot taken during his storied career with the Tigers. Harris '02, a two-time NCAA champion during his time at Princeton, is heading to the Athens Summer Olympics next month after jumping 7'5 1/2" at the U.S. Olympic trials to make the national squad. He will be hoping to match the feat of Robert Garrett, Jr. a member of Princeton's Class of 1897, who placed second in the high jump in the 1896 Athens Games.

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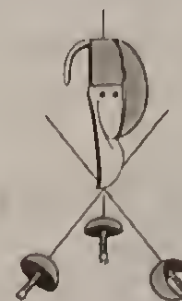
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The Café Edges Upper Makefield To Win 2nd Straight Hoops Crown

When The Café cruised to a 12-point win over Upper Makefield in Game One of the championship series of the Princeton Recreation Department men's summer basketball league, it appeared the title might be in the bag.

After all, the S3-41 win improved The Café, the league's defending champion and the second seeded team in the tournament, to 11-2 while eighth-seeded upstart Upper Makefield dropped to 6-8.

But form didn't hold. In Game Two of the series last Wednesday, the gritty Upper Makefield built a 35-23 lead at halftime before the game was halted by rain and scheduled to resume two nights later.

Hitting the court at Community Park under cool conditions last Friday evening to pick up where things left off,

Upper Makefield stayed hot as it rode a 26-point performance by Jeff Stewart to hold off The Café to win 61-52 and force a decisive Game Three.

With a break of a few minutes, the teams resumed hostilities to decide the title in Game Three of the series. Playing with a renewed intensity, The Café built a 24-18 cushion at halftime.

Sparked by the hot hand of Chris Hatchell, The Café increased its advantage to 36-24 with nine minutes remaining. Unwilling to go away, Upper Makefield, paced by Stewart, narrowed the margin to 38-37 with just over three minutes remaining.

Three free throws by The Café's Shahid Abdul-Karim gave it a 41-37 lead with seconds remaining. But Stewart fired in a fong three-pointer from the corner to bring Upper Makefield to withip

41-40 with less than 10 seconds left. The Café was able to inbound the ball and finally vanquish the gallant Upper Makefield squad.

In the aftermath of the champagne-soaked celebration, Hatchell acknowledged that The Café had taken Upper Makefield lightly.

"I think we overlooked them because they are a little bit younger than us," admitted Hatchell, who won the Foreal Wooten award as the playoff MVP for the second year in a row. "They played hard. Both of their big men (Stewart and Fred Pope) choked us on the inside."

With a title on the line, The Café turned up its defensive effort. "We just played tough man-to-man defense full court the whole game," said Hatchell, who had 10 points to lead The Café along with Asmar Fortney. "You can't take anything away from them, they played us tough."

When assessing what has set The Café apart over the last two summers, Hatchell maintained that it comes down to the bond between him, Fortney, Abdul-Karim, and Marshawn Ferguson.

"Me, Marshawn, Asmar, and Shahid played together at Mercer County Community College (MCCC) and we've been playing with each other since 1998," explained Hatchell with a smile.

"So you've got four guys that pretty much know each other from college ball to now. We come out and play hard, I'd put us four up against anybody."

With Hatchell reluctant to commit to playing for The Café in 2005 since his schedule is tight after opening a clothing store this summer in Nottingham, the glow of the title win had him thinking about a three-peat.

"I'm just happy we pulled it off for two times to become the first team to do that since 1999," added Hatchell, who averaged 17.7 points a game this summer to lead The Café. "You never know, we may try to pull it off again."

If The Café can keep Hatchell and his MCCC buddies together, they could be hoisting another trophy come next summer.

—Bill Alden



RAZZMATAZZ: The Café's Raz Harris barrels around an Upper Makefield defender last week in the championship series of the Princeton Recreation Department men's summer basketball league. Harris scored nine points last Friday as The Café edged Upper Makefield 41-40 to win the series 2-1 and take its second straight league championship.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



EATING IT UP: Chris Hatchell, far left, and his teammates on The Café celebrate after beating Upper Makefield in Game One of the championship series of the Princeton Recreation Department men's summer basketball league. With Hatchell being named as the playoff MVP, The Café went on to nip Upper Makefield 41-40 last Friday in the third and decisive game of the best-of-three series. The win gave The Café its second straight title, making it the first team in the league to accomplish that feat since Tiger's Tale in 1999.

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If the career of outfielder Reggie Sanders continues into his mid-40s, he might end up playing for most every team in the majors. Sanders spent his first seven seasons with Cincinnati, but then he hit the road, playing for seven teams over seven years, a different


ball club each season. His seventh stop was St. Louis in 2004, where he finally got a deal for two years. That means Sanders is unlikely to break the record of Paul Revere (Shorty) Radford, who played for eight teams over eight straight seasons from 1885 through 1892.

Professional golfers often play into their older years, but that doesn't mean they can continue to play competitively. In fact, when Jack Nicklaus made the cut at the 2004 Memorial at age 64, he became the second oldest player ever to make a cut in a PGA Tour event. Any idea who was the oldest? The answer is Sam Snead, who actually made the cut four times in 1969 when he was 67 years old. he even tied for 28th place at that season's PGA Championship.

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Populations of slugs and snails are quite high this summer because of the wet weather. These nocturnal molluscs feed on the foliage of hostas and many other types of herbaceous plants. Slugs and snails require humidity for survival and are generally active at night and on cloudy days. They pass hot dry times hiding in cooler, moist dark places. Slugs and snails may be responsible for significant damage to ornamental plants and may be also nuisances as well as a source of ribald pleasure to humans.

Slugs and snails damage ornamental plants by chewing ragged holes in foliage and sometimes killing small plants. They also leave slime trails on the surfaces they move across. Suppression of slugs and snails may include habitat modification, use of barriers, handpicking, trapping, and chemical pesticides. Removing rocks and boards may deny them of their most obvious refuges. Wood ash, sawdust, diatomaceous earth or similar coarse dry materials may be applied to the ground in bands around plants to keep slugs and snails away from selected plants by denying them a suitable substrate for movement.

The "old stale beer in the aluminum pie plate trick" is one of the maximum smart and favorite ways to kill slugs and snails. This method also provides a seemingly endless source of amusement for many humans.

The standard pesticides useful for slugs and snails include formulations of metaldehyde and carbaryl. Two new biorational products contain iron phosphate and are said to be safe for most non-target organisms. Sluggo-O and Escar-Go are currently available through many distributors of organic pest management products.

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Tiger Soccer's Negron Helps US Team to Title

Princeton University soccer star Esmeralda Negron saw action last week as the United States Under-21 Women's National Team beat Sweden 3-0 to win the Nordic Cup.

The win marked the sixth straight time the U.S. has won the tournament which is considered to be the world's top competition for U-21 women's national soccer teams.

Negron, a native of Harrington Park, N.J., was the only Ivy League player on the U.S. squad. The talented striker tied the Princeton single season record with 13 goals last season and enters her senior year in second place all-time at Princeton with 27 career goals, 14 away from the school record.

Carnegie Rowing Group Learn-To-Row Signup

The Carnegie Lake Rowing Association (CLRA) is currently accepting applications

for its annual Learn-to-Row program, which teaches the sport of rowing to people of high school age and older who have no prior sweep rowing experience.

The Learn-to-Row program begins on September 11 and runs through Thanksgiving. Applications for the program are due August 20.

The CLRA, a community club with approximately 200 members, rows out of the Princeton University boat-house on Lake Carnegie. For more information, log onto www.clra.com.

Men's Baseball League Accepting Teams for Fall

The Men's Adult Baseball League of Middlesex and Mercer Counties New Jersey is currently forming and admitting new teams to the league for the 2004 fall season.

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SUMMER ON ICE: Former Princeton goalie, Megan Van Beusekom, shown here turning away a Harvard shot last season, was named last week to the 2004 USA Hockey Women's National Festival. In addition to Van Beusekom '04, fellow alumni Andrea Kilbourne '03 and Gretchen Anderson '04 together with junior Heather Jackson and sophomore Liz Keady, were chosen to take part in the event in Lake Placid, N.Y. Participants in the Festival are divided into three teams (Teams Red and White, and an Under-22 Team) which will participate in daily practices and compete in a round-robin tournament at the Olympic Center from August 15-22. Princeton women's head coach Jeff Kampersal will serve as the head coach for Team White and will have Keady and Kilbourne on his roster. Anderson and Van Beusekom will both play on Team Red, while Jackson was named to the Under-22 Team.

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OBITUARIES

Edwin E. Guzman

Edwin E. Guzman, 47, of Trenton, died suddenly on August 3 at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Hamilton. He was a window clerk at the U.S. Post Office in Palmer Square.

Born in Guatemala, he had lived in the Trenton area for 24 years.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Iris Martinez; his parents, Hector Guzman of Guatemala City and Angela Guzman of Trenton; and three siblings, Gabriela Gonzalez of Guatemala, Hector Jr. of Morrisville, Pa., and Fredy of Princeton.

The funeral was August 8 at the Chiacchio Southview Funeral Home in Trenton. Cremation will be at the family's convenience.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Earl E. McQueen

Earl E. McQueen of Princeton died July 28 at the University Medical Center at Princeton. He was with his children, granddaughter, and a long time friend during his last hour.

Born in Lumberton, N.C., he came to Princeton at an early age, attending the Princeton School System and graduating from Princeton High School.

He was honorably discharged from the United States Navy, having served at Great Lakes Naval Air Station in Illinois and in the South Pacific. Following his discharge he returned to Princeton and attended school in Philadelphia to become a boiler technician-plumber. While attending school he worked for Burnett Griggs.

A master plumber affiliated with the Plumber and Pipe Fitters Local No. 9, he retired from J. B. Redding and Son in 1988. He had previously owned and operated his own plumbing and heating business, serving customers throughout Mercer County for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 218 of Princeton and an avid sportsman who enjoyed deep-sea fishing, hunting, and golf.

The son of the late Emmett J. and Maggie McQueen, he was predeceased also by his wife, Gwendolyn; a brother, Emmett Jr.; and a sister, Esther. He is survived by a son, Earl Jr. of Plainsboro;

two daughters, Shari L. Nottingham of Princeton and Coleen A. Phipps of Independence, Va.; three sisters, Grace McQueen and Francis McQueen of Lumberton, and Katie Granberry of Flint, Mich.; and five granddaughters.

The funeral was August 9 at First Baptist Church of Princeton, with the Rev. Carlton E. Branscomb, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Arrangements were by The Campbell Funeral Chapel of Trenton.

Kate E. Nicoll

Kate E. Nicoll, 96, of Bloomington, Ind., died August 9 at the Bell Trace Retirement Community. She had been a Princeton resident from 1942 to 2002.

Born in Saskatchewan, Canada, she received her bachelor and master's of arts degrees from the University of Saskatchewan, then studied in London at King's College.

She was a member of the Princeton Township Board of Education for nine years, serving for five as president.

An elder of the Nassau Presbyterian Church, she served as president of the Women's Association and on two pastoral nominating committees. For many years, she was also a member of the Hospice Aid Committee. She also worked with the Community Chest and Girl Scouts of America.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Agnew of Bloomington and Ruth Bronzan of Princeton; two sons, Dr. Roger of San Francisco, Calif., and Matthew of Wayzata, Minn.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hunger Fund of Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540; or to Trinity Episcopal Church of Bloomington, 111 South Grant, Bloomington, Ind. 47408.

A memorial service will held this fall in Princeton at a date to be announced.

David H. Burrough

David H. Burrough, 88, of Princeton, died August 7 at home.

Born in Haddon Heights, he was the son of the late James S. and Bert Pooley Burrough.

He was a graduate of Mercer Junior College and a retired proprietor of the Princeton Recreation Center on Nassau Street.

An Air Force veteran of World War II, he was a member of American Legion Post 0339 and Princeton Elks Club 2129.

Predeceased by a brother, C. Richard, he is survived by his wife, Lillian; a son, Chuck of Princeton; two daughters, Cathy B. Sirawsky of Lumberton, and Cindy B. Kandell of Pennington; a brother, James Jr. of Haddon Heights; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service and burial will be private.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Bernadette Meirowitz

Bernadette M. Meirowitz, 45, of West Windsor, died August 6 in the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Queens, N.Y., she was a lifelong resident of the Princeton area.

A 1981 graduate of C.W. Post University, summa cum laude, she received her master's degree in special education from Rutgers University.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Dr. Robert F. Meirowitz; her parents, Edward and Geraldine FitzGerald Lelin of Port Jefferson, N.Y.; a son, Michael, and a daughter, Corinne, both of West Windsor; and three sisters, Jeannette M. Stephan of Glastonbury, Conn., Suzanne C. Lelin of Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., and Dianne A. Tufo of Fairless Hills, Pa.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on August 9 at St. Paul's Church. Burial was in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to D.E.B.R.A., 5 West 36 Street, Suite 404, New York, N.Y. 10018.

Arrangements were by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Glenda M. Dorsey

Glenda Maranita Dorsey, 41, of Skillman, died August 4.

Born in Princeton, she was the daughter of Josephine Spivey and the late Edward Spivey.

Educated in the Montgomery School System, she later earned a liberal arts/business associates degree from Katherine Gibbs School. She had a varied career as a professional executive, working most recently as a communications assistant for the Westin Hotel of Princeton.

She was a member of the Mount Zion AME Church of Skillman.

She is survived by her

mother; Josephine Spivey of Skillman; a son, Kennin Glen Miller of Skillman; five sisters, Audrey Spivey of Atlanta, Ga., Patricia Spivey of Studio City, Calif., Deitra Scott of Toms River, and Spring Taylor and Tawanna Dorsey, both of Ewing; two brothers, Andre Spivey of San Antonio, Tex., and Claude Spivey of Chicago, Ill.; and a special friend, William Miller Jr. of Somerville.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, August 11 at 11 a.m. at the Hughes Funeral Home, 324 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, with the Rev. Larry Mattox officiating. Calling hours will be 9 a.m. until the service at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Stoutsburg Cemetery.

Joseph Crossley II

Joseph Crossley II, 80, of Morris Plains, formerly of Princeton, died August 7 at home following a long battle with cancer.

He was the grandson and namesake of Joseph Crossley of Trenton, founder of the Crossley Machine Company, and the son of postmaster Archibald M. Crossley and Dorothy Fox Crossley.

After attending Princeton schools and Loomis, he graduated from Princeton University with the Class of 1945. He later earned a master's degree at the Newark College of Engineering.

During World War II he served with a radar unit in the U.S. Navy.

For several years he was

employed by Time-Life Laboratories to help develop color printing. He also worked for Westvaco in Pennsylvania, and later as a technical inspector for the Department of Defense.

He was an enthusiastic sailor and traveler, and a long-time tenor with the Morris Choral Society.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; three sons from his first marriage, Robert of Wolfeboro, N.H., Peter of Leesburg, Va., and Lawrence of Newton, N.J.; two sisters, Helen M. Crossley of Princeton and Dorothy I. Crossley of Franconia, N.H. and Woods Hole, Mass.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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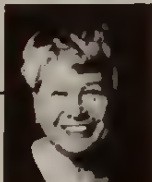
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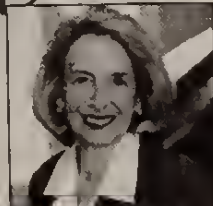
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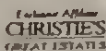
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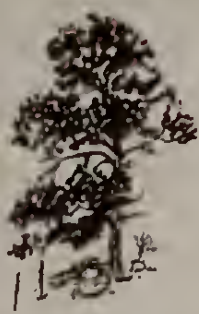
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REAL ESTATE AND YOU

By Tod Peyton

HOW TO CHOOSE A REAL ESTATE AGENT

Buying or selling a house is one of the most complex transactions that most people will make in their lifetime. The quality of the experience depends largely on the real estate agent one chooses. What are the characteristics you should look for in selecting an agent?

Start by asking your friends and neighbors for referrals. Ask each agent about his or her proven record of business success. Select an agent who demonstrates in-depth knowledge of local market conditions and national economic trends. Your agent should demonstrate an enthusiasm for the sales transaction process and a willingness to be completely honest about pricing and preparing your home to sell.

In selecting an agent you can completely trust, it's important to take personality into account. An agent whose manner irritates you will be difficult to work with, so choose someone you feel compatible with. He or she should be an attentive listener who asks questions that clarify your needs and expectations.

Even the simplest transaction will probably encounter white water along the way. Select an agent who can shoot the rapids with confidence and a sense of humor, and your ride will be smoother as a result.

For dependable individual advice on buying or selling real estate, call Tod Peyton, Realtor or any Peyton Associate at 921-1550. Please feel free to stop by my office at 343 Nassau Street in Princeton.

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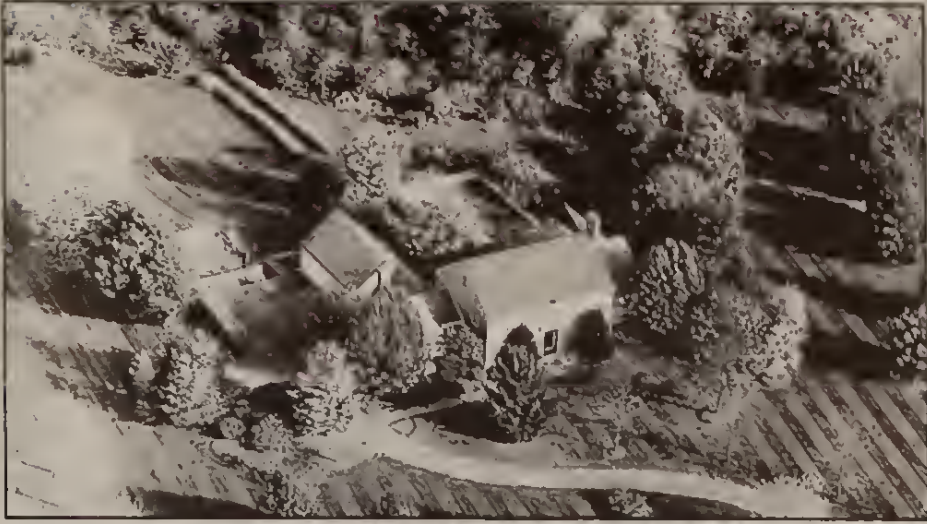
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